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School lunch on the go

St. Joe's Demrhy Youngquist discusses the hurdles of feeding students during a pandemic

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Demrhy Youngquist can usually be found handing out prepared meals in paper bags twice a week at St. Joseph High School.

YOUNGQUIST

As the food services director for St. Joseph Public Schools, Youngquist is tasked with ensuring the district's students are fed a healthy breakfast and lunch.

The St. Joseph resident has had to get creative since schools were closed for the remainder of the year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, her time spent with the district – as well as another five years at the East Penn School District in Emmaus, Penn. – prepared her for sudden change.

Youngquist and her staff are serving three breakfast meals and three lunches twice a week – from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays – until the school year ends on June 4.

Led by Youngquist, they provide these free meals for any child under the age of 18. It doesn't matter what their economic status is or what school district they are from.

Youngquist spoke with

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Q&A
DEMRHY YOUNGQUIST

Don Campbell / HP staff

Demrhy Youngquist, St. Joseph Public Schools food services director, waves to a parent while distributing free meals Thursday morning at St. Joseph High School.

CREATIVE BIRTHDAY PARTY

In this time of social distancing due to the coronavirus pandemic, it's hard to celebrate birthdays together. But that didn't stop Ben Johnson's friends and former co-workers from doing so. They decorated their vehicles and drove by Johnson's home in South Haven to wish him a happy 90th birthday. While a surprised Johnson stood in his front yard, the well-wishers honked their car horns, waved and presented Johnson with cards and several gifts. For many years, Johnson served as engineer for South Haven's Department of Public Works and was a member of the fire department. In later years he worked as a bridge tender for the Dyckman Avenue bridge.

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BERRIEN COUNTY

New COVID-19 cases exceeded recovered patients last week

Berrien records 5 more deaths

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
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The number of additional COVID-19 cases exceeded the number of recovered over the last week in Berrien County, a reversal from the prior week.

Berrien County added 86 additional cases from last Monday, while in that time 50 people recovered.

There are now 107 active cases, with a total of 303 confirmed positive cases and 196 recovered.

Five additional people have died this past week, one less than the prior week.

The county now has 19 deaths, four of which have been since Friday. The fifth was reported last Tuesday.

The Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) reported the deaths were that of a man and a woman both over the age of 85, a woman under the age of 50 who had multiple underlying health conditions, and a man over the age of 75 who had underlying health conditions.

All the deaths have been

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BH mayor slams difference in protest responses by state

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor Mayor Marcus Muhammad said white privilege was clearly on display recently as armed protesters walked around the state capitol in Lansing twice in the past few weeks largely not shadowed by police.

On Monday, he posted on Facebook two photos comparing the white, rifle-carrying protesters to a news conference he led in Lansing last summer to save the mostly black Benton Harbor school district. The post ends with #hypocrisyinplainsight.

When contacted by phone, Muhammad said that during his event, law enforcement officers were all over the place, even though his group had no guns.

"We weren't harassed, but the visibility of Michigan State Police as well as the Capitol Police was very visible," he said.

But he said law enforcement was nowhere to be seen on April 15 during Operation Gridlock, the first time a group of armed protesters joined hundreds of unarmed

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BENTON HARBOR

Jean Klock Park summer events canceled

Internal report clears police officer of alleged wrongdoing

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — All festivals, concerts and events scheduled at Jean Klock Park in Benton Harbor this summer have been canceled to slow the spread of COVID-19, Mayor Marcus Muhammad announced in a letter Monday.

He also spoke about the popular beach during Monday's city commission meeting. He said that even though the events are canceled, the park will remain open.

The mayor said the announcement was in response to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's executive orders concerning the virus being extended through May 28.

In addition, Muhammad talked about a letter written by City Manager Ellis Mitchell stating that an internal investigation has found that Benton Harbor police officer Drew Wagner did not use excessive force when arresting Michael Thompson, 27, on Dec. 28 at the May Street Market,

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Honor your graduate online

The coronavirus pandemic has ruined a lot of plans for honoring 2020 high school graduates, so we'd like to give you the opportunity to honor the graduate in your home at TheHP.com.

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The HP will also be publishing a print section later in May listing all the graduates from Southwest Michigan schools.

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Thompson later filed a complaint about the arrest, which was caught on video at the market. The video shows Wagner hitting Thompson three times in the head with his fist after chasing him around the gas pumps and using a Taser on him twice.

The letter is dated April 14, but Muhammad said he only recently received a copy of it from Gwen Swanigan from the S.H.A.R.P. Foundation (Society Harmonizing Against Racial Profiling). The letter was addressed to Thompson's mother, Michelle Evans.

"It's difficult for me to speak on this when I have not been given a briefing from our officials," Muhammad said.

He said he will have a talk with Mitchell about the investigation.

Swanigan and Evans said they are not satisfied with the conclusion in the letter, which states that the findings of the internal investigation were confirmed by three external reviews conducted by another law enforcement agency, an employment relations attorney and the Berrien County prosecutor.

Commissioner Ron Singleton, chairman of the city's Public Safety and Recreation Committee, directed the city clerk to put discussion of the incident on the agenda for the May 13 meeting.

He said he has some questions and concerns about what happened. And he said just because the internal investigation is done doesn't mean that's the end.

"The people who still feel grieved have other options," he said. "... In the meantime, I'll be doing my research and, hopefully, be able to give them some advice."

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COVID

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in people over the age of 40, with 50 percent being "non-hispanic black" and 68 percent being men, according to the BCHD's data dashboard.

The Benton Harbor, Berrien Springs and Niles ZIP codes have the most confirmed and presumed positive cases, with St. Joseph coming in fourth.

There are seven people currently hospitalized in the intensive care unit at Spectrum Health Lakeland, and seven hospitalized not in the ICU.

Berrien County is sitting at 176 presumed positive cases – a number that fluctuates frequently based on testing. Last Monday there were 165 presumed positive cases.

The Van Buren Cass District Health Department did not update its count numbers for its two counties Monday afternoon. In addition, the state was having software problems that delayed its reporting until late Monday night. The Herald-Palladium will report those totals on Wednesday.

For state numbers, visit www.michigan.gov/coronavirus. Local numbers and information can be found at www.bchdmi.org, and at www.vbcassdhd.org/covid-19.

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LOTTERIES

Monday drawings

Michigan

Poker Lotto
JH-KH-JS-4H-10H
Midday Daily 3
2-1-9
Midday Daily 4
4-2-3-8
Daily 3
7-2-3
Daily 4
4-2-0-1
Fantasy 5
01-08-19-24-33
Keno
03-07-10-11-16-22-24-25-27-28-33-39-45-59-60-61-63-64-69-70-71-72
Mega Millions jackpot
$215 million
Powerball jackpot
$59 million

Sunday drawings

Indiana

Cash 5
04-14-16-28-40
Estimated jackpot
$190,500
Cash4Life
19-21-22-35-48, Cash Ball: 1
Quick Draw Midday
03-04-11-16-24-31-35-41-43-44-48-50-51-58-63-66-67-71-74-78, BE: 31
Daily Three-Midday
3-9-4, SB: 3
Daily Three-Evening
1-2-2, SB: 8
Daily Four-Midday
6-4-8-1, SB: 3
Daily Four-Evening
0-8-0-7, SB: 8
Quick Draw Evening
01-05-10-11-12-13-14-15-18-25-28-39-44-48-50-63-64-71-74-76, BE: 1

Illinois

LuckyDay Lotto Midday
06-07-19-44-45
Estimated jackpot
$300,000
Pick Three-Midday
4-7-7, Fireball: 2
Pick Three-Evening
3-7-2, Fireball: 8
Pick Four-Midday
6-2-0-0, Fireball: 2
Pick Four-Evening
5-0-3-3, Fireball: 6
Lucky Day Lotto
13-17-20-33-44
Estimated jackpot
$350,000

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MAYOR

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people to protest Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's stay-at-home executive orders, which are designed to drastically slow the spread of COVID-19.

Muhammad said he was told by the governor's office that Whitmer, a Democrat, didn't want police to be present because she was afraid it would escalate the situation.

He said the state's response would have been much different if it had been black people walking around with guns.

"If we had had guns, rifles, assault weapons, faces covered, standing in front of the George Romney Building, I can guarantee you that the outcome would have been different," he said.

He compared it to when a black person goes into a store "and all of the sudden, security starts following you around and all you're doing is trying to shop."

"That can appear to be profiling or harassing," he said.

He said police were at the second protest against Whitmer's stay-at-home order, last Thursday. Even though there are some photos from that event showing tension between the police and protesters, he said there are other photos in which the police look like they are posing for selfies with the white protesters.

Muhammad isn't the only person who took issue with the armed protesters. The day after last Thursday's event, state Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey, a Republican, posted on Twitter that he condemned the "so-called protestors who used intimidation and the threat of physical harm to stir up fear and feed rancor."

"They do not represent the Senate Republicans," he tweeted. "At best, those so-called protestors are a bunch of jackasses."

Shirkey tweeted that he appreciates the efforts of the protestors who did so safely and responsibly without the threat of violence.

Muhammad said he was happy to see Shirkey standing up for what is right, but said he hasn't heard anything from local elected officials.

When asked for a comment, U.S. Rep. Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph, said in an email that everyone has the right to protest, but he also noted problems.

"No American should ever lose their right to protest or express their freedom of speech. From the pictures I saw of the protests, I wish they would have set the good example of social distancing and refrained from using Nazi and Confederate displays, which are real symbols of hatred and racism and have no place in the public arena. Let's be clear, we do need to focus on common sense solutions to combat this pandemic."

State Rep. Pauline Wendzel, R-Watervliet, declined comment on the armed protesters.

Instead, she replied by email: "Right now we need to focus on bipartisan solutions to this health crisis and getting our economy safely back on track. These are the issues Michiganders care about."

State Sen. Kim LaSata, R-Bainbridge Township, was unavailable for comment.

When interviewed Sunday during the CNN show "State of the Union, Whitmer said the demonstrations at the state capitol don't represent how most people feel in Michigan.

"There were swastikas and Confederate Flags and nooses and people with assault rifles," she said. "And ... that's a small group of people, when you think about the fact that this is a state of almost 10 million people, the vast majority of whom are doing the right thing. And that's why we have seen our curve get pushed down."

She said the state has saved lives by listening to health experts and not to "the partisan rhetoric or these political rallies, or tweets, for that matter."

Last Friday, President Donald Trump tweeted that Whitmer should listen to the protesters because they "are very good people, but they are angry."

"They want their lives back again, safely! See them, talk to them, make a deal," Trump tweeted.

Whitmer said that decisions need to be made based on facts and science, "because we have got to get this right."

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YOUNGQUIST

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Herald-Palladium Staff Writer Tony Wittkowski to discuss her job and the type of changes she's had to make since the coronavirus altered how schools operate.

How did you end up in your current position with the district?

I moved back here in 2005 and the previous director was retiring, so I applied for the job.

What did you do before this?

I was in the restaurant industry. I was the restaurant manager at Schu's Grill and Bar. I had moved away for a few years in Pennsylvania.

Tell me about your job and what you would do on a normal school day.

Every day we check in with the schools' five kitchen managers that run the individual sites. I oversee them and make sure everything is running smoothly. It might include making sure orders are coming or helping serve or cook if they are short staffed. All the paperwork is more involved than people may know since we are a federally funded program. We have to make sure all the menus follow federal guidelines.

What kind of adjustments have you and your staff had to make because of COVID-19?

Well, we're working on a skeleton crew at the moment. There's about five people working. We wear masks when serving the food to the students or parents. We use a lot of our food that we had already. We had a lot of breakfast items and moved that to one central location. We prepare six meals a week per student.

What does your workload look like since the pandemic took over everyday life?

It's actually increased even though we are not serving as many students as before. It's new to us. We have streamlined it the past couple weeks. We've tried to be flexible in order to serve students. The paperwork is different because it's a different program now. We had to take online classes to learn how it runs. It took a lot of work to get it started.

Is there anything you miss about school when it was in session?

I miss the students. It's nice to see some of the students when they pull up in cars. I miss the interaction with the students.

Do you at least get to chat with parents or students when they pick up meals?

We do. We're in the back of the high school just off of Lakeview (Avenue). They pull up. We ask how many students they need food for. But we do get to talk to the kids. A lot of them are excited to get some normalcy from school.

What are the biggest challenges you face with your job?

Right now it's just been producing. It's been different having to do this when you have a normal school day. The food is all bagged and it takes more time. Now it's been better for four or five weeks since we have it more streamlined. In the beginning we didn't know what to expect.

I'd like to end this interview on a high note. Do you have any tips for parents and guardians on when it comes to eating healthy during a pandemic?

In our lunch bags we have a couple snack-type items. We do provide a lot of fruits and vegetables in there. I know that's not always easy to have around. We have portion sizes. We do a lot of apple slices and things that are quick.

They really seem to enjoy small healthy snacks like Halos (oranges). If you're a parent and buy things that are easy to grab, maybe have them in a bowl on the counter as a reminder.

If anyone has questions about meal availability, families with students can email Youngquist at dyoungquist@sjschools.org.

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8th Grade	1
9th Grade	1
10th Grade	1
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SJ Township to get more mileage out of road funds

Officials add to 2020 list of roads to resurface

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — The cost to resurface some roads in St. Joseph Township came in lower than expected, so the township board agreed Monday to add more roads into this year's schedule.

The original 2020 Road Project Schedule agreement between the township and the Berrien County Road Department called for resurfacing roads in the Tucker Drive subdivision west of Lincoln Avenue to include Tucker Drive, Westwood Drive, Heights Drive, Field Drive, Wadena Road, McLin Road, Carley Lane and Valley Lane, totaling 1.73 miles.

The original cost estimate was $230,196, with the road department matching $103,186 and the township paying $127,010.

But Township Manager Denise Cook told the board at its monthly workshop meeting that the actual bid for the work came in at $155,379, with the township to pay $77,690, and the county road department to match that amount, leaving the township's share $49,320 less than the original expected amount.

Cook said the road department gave the township the option of leaving the 2020 project as planned, or adding Samuel, Spencer, Riverview Court, River Bend, Lora, Lawdon Drive, Lu-Al Drive, Rony, Marral and Fairview Drive to the list of streets to be resurfaced this year. The cost for this additional 1.97 miles of road would be $37,754, with the township paying half and the road department paying half, Cook told the board.

Total cost to the township for the amended project schedule approved by the board at its evening meeting on Monday will be $96,567, still less than the $106,000 budgeted for 2020 road repair/maintenance.

Township Supervisor Roger Seely said officials were pleasantly surprised by the lower-than-expected bid so, "We ought to take advantage of it."

Seely told trustees they need to continue to think about how the township should fund road repair and maintenance in the future. The board began talking last month about how to fund roads as they continue to deteriorate.

Neighboring Lincoln Township and Royalton Township for years have levied a road millage and have had a designated road fund, while St. Joseph Township pulls money from its general fund for roads.

Trustees agree that while it may be time to levy a road millage in St. Joseph Township, voter approval may be tough when residents are hurting due to the coronavirus outbreak and its consequences.

Cook said a recent study concluded that 69 percent of the township's 47 miles of local roads are considered to be in poor condition.

Legally, the township can levy up to 3 mills of tax for roads without a vote of the people, but trustees are hesitant to do that.

The board agreed to study the matter further and decide in July whether to ask voters to approve a millage and if so, for how much.

"Let's get it right the first time," said Trustee Dave Vonk.

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WIND AND WATER

Don Campbell / HP staff

A kiteboarder and surfer take advantage of Monday's gusty winds off Silver Beach in St. Joseph.

On the brink: How retailers are getting by

South Haven stores anxiously await chance to re-open

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Like many retail shop and restaurant owners in South Haven, Chris Campbell had to scramble to figure out how to keep his business going when the COVID-19 pandemic erupted in Michigan in March, forcing many retail businesses to temporarily close in an effort to stop the spread of the virus.

First, the owner of SoHa Surf Shop began promoting gift card purchases while setting up an online store that debuted a week ago, and offering curbside service. He also obtained a loan from the federal Paycheck Protection Program to help cover payroll, rent and utilities during the pandemic.

"This loan will help us cover payroll and pay rent and utilities," Campbell said. "This loan is forgivable only if it is used for payroll expenses and rent/mortgage."

But, despite all of the efforts to be proactive to keep SoHa Surf Shop and his other downtown businesses going, Campbell admits it's a struggle as Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's stay-at-home order continues.

"This stay-at-home order has decreased our traffic almost 100 percent," Campbell said. "We have had to temporarily lay off our employees and halt construction on our new store. We took this time to work on and open our online websites. Luckily we have had a few sales, but it is nowhere near enough to cover our expenses."

Campbell employs eight workers during the winter months at his stores, but that number increases to approximately 30 during the busier summer months.

"We need this many employees to run SoHa Surf Shop, the three kayak and paddleboard rental stands, Emma's Boutique and our new store opening in May, The Shoe Collective."

Campbell is not the only downtown business owner who has been able to obtain

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BERRIEN COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

Fair officials push registration deadlines back a month

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The Berrien County Youth Fair has extended a few registration dates after the state altered its executive order to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

The opening of the fair's registration period has been delayed to June 1, which was previously slated for May 1.

The fair's board of directors announced, with the extension of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's executive order, that it's in the best interest for exhibitors to extend the opening of registration.

Exhibitors can still access the exhibitor handbook online at www.bcyf.org. For those without internet access, the printed exhibitor handbooks are not yet available, as many of the book locations are still closed.

Printed exhibitor handbooks are expected to be delivered to Berrien County libraries and several businesses by June 1.

Don Campbell / HP file photo

Kandin Shuler of Baroda spends time with a Holstein cow named Rampage during the 2016 Berrien County Youth Fair in Berrien Springs. The fair is pushing its large animal registration deadline to July 1.

With the delay of the opening of registration, the board also voted to extend the large animal registration deadline to July 1.

The large animal registration deadline now shares the same date as the small animal registration deadline.

Again this year, equine entries must be made using the equine entry form that will be available on the BCYF website on June 1 or can be picked up at the fair office.

Equine entries will be due on July 1 with all other large and small animal entries.

This is the second time the fair office has delayed events in response to coronavirus-related restrictions. All April events were postponed, which included deadlines to register for campsites on the fairgrounds.

The fair's annual fundraiser that was set to be held in May at Lake Michigan College's Mendel Center, is still in the process of being rescheduled.

Once registration is opened up, completed registration forms can be dropped off at the fair office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Registration forms can also be mailed to the fair office, placed in the drop box located near the entrance to the fair office, or submitted as an online entry by July 1 for both large and small animals .

Still exhibits can still be registered by Aug. 1.

This year's fair is special, as officials, exhibitors and attendees are celebrating 75 years. The theme is "Diamonds Are Fair-Ever."

For more information, exhibitors and fair participants can visit www.bcyf.org.

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SOUTH HAVEN

Riverfront concert series canceled

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — The COVID-19 pandemic has claimed yet another popular summer entertainment program – the Riverfront Concert Series in South Haven.

The weekly summer-long series of free outdoor concerts at Riverfront Park normally begins at the end of May and continues until Labor Day, but not this year, due to concerns of spreading the coronavirus.

"This is a great disappointment," said Lotte Resek of Foundry Hall, a South Haven-based cultural arts group that organizes the series each year. "But cooperation with social distancing as a way to protect the safety of our community is imperative."

For more than a decade, the Riverfront Concert Series has brought musical artists from throughout Michigan to perform a variety of music, including jazz, folk, Latin, pop and Broadway show tunes. Groups have included the South Shore Concert Band, Jackson French Quarter Dixieland Band, Three Rivers German Band, Girls Night Out theatrical musical revue and the Blue Water Ramblers.

Cancellation of the Riverfront Concert Series is the latest blow Foundry Hall has deal with during the COVID-19 crisis and the governor's stay-at-home order to stall the spread of the deadly virus.

"Foundry Hall has had to cancel about 10 concerts and events and 19 community programs during this stay-at-home order," Resek said.

Some of the programs, such as Open Mic Night and the weekly preschool music exploration program Tune Bugs, are now being offered online.

Cherry Festival

EAU CLAIRE — Also canceled is this year's Cherry Festival in Eau Claire.

The annual Fourth of July event has been called off due to virus concerns, according to a post of social media from event organizers.

The post also noted that donations to this year's festival that already have been collected will be saved for the 2021 festival. In the meantime, the festival asks that rather than donate to the festival cause, people should "support local businesses and each other the best you can."

Children's Music Workshop, Twin City Players give back

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — The stages may be empty, but the artists are hard at work.

Over the last two weeks, Children's Music Workshop (CMW) has donated 3D-printed ear savers to the entire staff of Pine Ridge Rehabilitation Center and the Twin City Players (TCP) are making 1,400 face masks for the Area Agency On Aging.

Both CMW and TCP had to cancel spring performances due to the coronavirus pandemic.

CMW's effort started because the organization has a 3D printer that it typically uses to make 3D models of sets, according to a news release.

Dave Neidlinger, CMW board president and technical director, spearheaded the drive to create and produce ear savers for local essential workers. He designed the strips with the letters "CMW" in the middle and can produce about 25 strips a day using spools of plastic. Each spool can make about 200 strips.

The strips attached to the elastic straps of face masks, taking irritation away from the ears of those who have to wear masks for hours at a time.

TCP's effort started when its costume department was reached out to by the Berrien Community Foundation (BCF) for help getting masks for the Area Agency on Aging, according to a release.

The BCF and the Frederick S. Upton Foundation offered a grant for supplies.

Julie Smiy, a lead costumer at TCP, agreed to take on

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IN BRIEF

Bridgman post cancels Memorial Day parade

BRIDGMAN — American Legion Post 331 in Bridgman has canceled its Memorial Day parade and public cemetery service scheduled for May 24.

Post Commander Dave Mutz said state American Legion leaders suggested local Memorial Day events be canceled this year due to the coronavirus pandemic. Mutz said the post may conduct a private service at the cemetery.

Wilda Jane Trojan

Aug. 23, 1934 – May 2, 2020

Wilda Jane Trojan, 85, of New Carlisle, Ind., passed away Saturday, May 2, 2020, at Hamilton Grove in New Carlisle. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks and Menchinger Chapel in St. Joseph.

A private Celebration of Life Service will be held on May 6 at Starks & Menchinger Chapel. Burial will follow in Riverview Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Trojan Family Fund at the Berrien Community Foundation. Those wishing to share a memory of Wilda online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Wilda was born Aug. 23, 1934, to Ernest and Alice (Auer) Swarm in Mishawaka, Ind. She grew up on their family farm in Woodland, Ind., which was something she was very proud of. She graduated from Madison Township High School in 1952. On June 23, 1956, she married the love her life, Ronald J. Trojan, in Woodland. Wilda was crazy in love with Ronald; they never left each other's side. They lived South Bend, Ind., and started a family. In 1965, they moved to St. Joseph when Ronald was transferred to Whirlpool's headquarters.

She was active in her church choir, as well as the Mary Preston Guild (women's fellowship), and was known as an excellent seamstress. Wilda was an avid Cubs fan, enjoyed traveling and going to theater productions in Chicago. Most of all, she loved her family, and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Wilda is survived by her children, Sue Munson, Joe (Megan) Trojan and Beth (Marc) Suarez; grandchildren: Bethany (James) Finehout, Aidan Munson, Nathan and Gavin Trojan, Veronica "Ronnie" Mateo and Diego, Sofia and Antonio Suarez; and great-grandchildren, Adrian, Piper and Alexis Finehout.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ronald Trojan; and brother, Louis Swarm.

Joe Henry Peet

July 20, 1950 – April 24, 2020

Joe Henry Peet, 69, of Benton Harbor departed this life April 24, 2020. A private service for immediate family will be held. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Joe was born July 20, 1950, to Frank and Christine Peet Sr., in Clarkedale, Ark. He accepted Christ at an early age. In 1969, he graduated from J.S. Phelix High School in Marion, Ark. At the age of 18, he relocated from Marion to Benton Harbor, and was employed at Anstey Foundry in Stevensville. In 1969, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served during the Vietnam War. On July 24, 1982, Joe married the former Brenda Woods Peet in Benton Harbor.

Joe leaves to cherish, his wife, Brenda Peet; son, Sgt. Derrick La'Shon Peet; daughters, Jaqueland Booker and Casanda Booker; sisters, Aline Peek-Tate and Mary Burton; brothers, Isaac (Grace) Anderson, James Peek, Tony (Brenda) Peek and Jimmie Peet; aunt, Grace Lee Foster; six grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, sisters- and brothers-in-law, godchildren, family and friends.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Christine Peet Sr.; brothers, Frank Peek Jr., Eddie B. Peek, Charles E. Peek, and a special brother, Eddie Jackson; special aunts, Altee Kimbrough and Aline "Aunt Moosie" Ragland; father-in-law, Richard Woods Sr.; stepfather-in-law, Jeremiah McCoy Sr.; mother-in-law, Rosie Lee Woods McCoy; brothers-in-law, Jarvis McCoy, David L. Mason and Charles Dorsett; and niece, Davina Mason.

Londrell Devon Cook

Aug. 16, 1993 – April 11, 2020

Londrell Devon Cook, 26, of Benton Harbor departed this life on April 11, 2020, at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo.

Londrell, also known as "Ball Harbor" and "Ruga," was born Aug. 16, 1993, in Benton Harbor, to Nicole Robinson and Lonzo Cook Sr. He attended Benton Harbor Area Schools. He was known for his ability to make others smile and laugh. He enjoyed life to the fullest. "Ruga" also enjoyed basketball, skating and his car, "The Drop Top." He was employed by Chassix Inc. and Bridgeville Plastic.

Londrell leaves fond memories in the heart of his parents, Nicole Robinson and Lonzo Sr. (Tasha) Cook; his children, Amere Cook, Khy'Rielle Cook and Laur'n Cook; his siblings: Mark Harris, Charles Jennings, Lonzo Cook Jr., Marius Isom, Emerald Smith, Alexis Cook and Edarin Favorite; and his stepbrother, KeShawn Wade; maternal grandmother, Irma Robinson (Arthur Dortch); paternal grandparents, Alice Cook and Lonnie Jones; special aunts, Linda Cook and Karyn Tucker; special loved one, Nakia White; uncles: Mark Cook, Mike Cook, Donald Robinson, Tommie Mims and Elliot Mims; aunts: Tiffany Cook, Shari Daniels, Annissa Robinson, Tammy Robinson, Sonya Robinson, Latasha Cook and Michelle Norton; friends: Alicia Watson, Tonja Hitchcock, Tawan "Stuff" Watson, Stacy Langford, Michael "MikeAve" Thompson, Roy Anderson, Tyrice Carter, Jamon Yates and Dontrail Crafton; and many cousins and friends.

Londrell was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Allen Lowe; uncles, Ronald Robinson and Corey Cook; and friends, Devon Lewis and Tykarri Lewis.

A private service for immediate family will be held.

Irene J. Wiacek

Aug. 23, 1931 – May 2, 2020

Irene J. Wiacek, 88, of Bangor passed away Saturday, May 2, 2020, at her home, surrounded by her four children.

Irene was born Aug. 23, 1931, in Berlamont, Mich., the daughter of Peter and Agnes (Sikora) Stassek, and had lived in the Bangor area since 1951. She retired from Harding's in Bangor after 30 years, then started part-time with Village Market in South Haven the next day. She was feisty, sassy and had a work ethic that she shared with her children. She enjoyed traveling, especially to Las Vegas, and to Rome, where she was blessed by the Pope. She visited many places with her friends Carol, Kathy and Sue, who provided much entertainment on their trips.

Christmas was her favorite time of year, especially making Christmas cookies, up to a thousand a year. She enjoyed polka dancing and listening to her husband, Casey, play his accordion with the Polka Trio. But her most favorite thing was spending time with her family.

Surviving are four children: Carolyn (Dave) Newcomb of Central Lake, Mich., Dianne Bachman of South Haven, Patti Waite of Central Lake, Mich., and Chuck Wiacek of Bangor; five grandchildren: David (Natalie) Scott, K.C. (Scott) Hall, Michelle Bachman, Michael Brinks and Breanne (Mike) Wiacek; eight great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Floyd Rose; loving and tender caregiver, Jackie Hofbauer; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Casimir "Casey" Wiacek; two sons-in-law, Tom Bachman and Cliff Waite; five sisters: Joanna Rose, Julia Mocklencate, Anna Ebertsch, Mary Sabo and Helen Gilbert; and two brothers, Stephen Stassek and John Stassek.

The family will have private funeral services at this time, with burial in Arlington Hill Cemetery. A memorial service will be at a later date when the COVID-19 stay-at-home order is lifted. Arrangements are entrusted to the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Al-Van Humane Society, or Caring Circle Hospice of South Haven.

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Brittany Gerschoffer

Aug. 19, 1989 – May 1, 2020

Brittany Gerschoffer, 30, of Stevensville passed away May 1, 2020, in Benton Harbor.

A Graveside Service will be held at noon on Thursday, May 7, at Hickory Bluff Cemetery in Stevensville, with Pastor Chris Spitters officiating. Please bring a chair if needed. In lieu of flowers, a trust account for Brittany's daughters has been set up at Edgewater Bank. Support for the beneficiaries may be made in care of Zeb Deitrich. Those wishing to share a memory of Brittany online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Brittany was born Aug. 19, 1989, in St. Joseph, to Zeb and Stacy (James) Deitrich. She graduated from Lakeshore High School in 2007, and was a member of the competitive cheer team. Brittany worked for Mosaic as the director of sales and marketing, and she welcomed the outreach opportunities her employment provided. Brittany had a wonderful sense of humor and people were drawn to her lighthearted and caring personality. Everyone enjoyed Brittany's company, her practical jokes and the way she reminded us all to love stronger. She was a devoted Christian and helped lead many people to Christ. Brittany loved her daughters and family unconditionally. Brittany's undying love for her children is evident through the joy her daughters share with the world.

Brittany is survived by daughters, Carter and Brealynn Gerschoffer; parents, Zeb and Stacy Deitrich; stepfather, Rich Driver; siblings, Brooke (Jon) Hawblitz, Abby Deitrich and Noah Deitrich; grandparents, James and Mary Jo Deitrich, Violet and Gary Jewell and Tom and Jan James; nephews, Jonas and Judah Hawblitz; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Hugh E. Hatcher Sr.

July 28, 1962 – April 29, 2020

Hugh E. Hatcher Sr., 57, of Niles, was called home on Wednesday, April 29, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Hugh is survived by his wife, Pamela Hatcher of Niles; his children, Candace King (Rashad Rogers) of Atlanta, Quinton (Sonia) King of Niles and Hugh Jr. (K.C.) Hatcher of Niles; seven grandchildren: Sontee Mendoza, Quinton King Jr., Kaydence Hatcher, Carter King, Hugh E. Hatcher III, Hendrick Hatcher and Huaunna Hatcher; his sister, Bonita (Jerry) Mance of Niles; and brothers, Harley (Maria) Hatcher of Michigan City, Ind., Kevin (Wendy) Hatcher of Cassopolis and Willie (Malika) Roscoe of Warsaw, Ind. Hugh will also be missed by his mother- and father-in-law, Abraham and Shirley Harris of Niles; as well as countless other family members.

There will be a private family funeral at Brown Funeral Home at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 7. Hugh's family will have a brief visitation prior to the private gathering from noon until 1 p.m. Thursday at Brown Funeral Home. Due to the current restrictions, those wishing to attend the visitation will be asked to abide by the no more than 10 people guideline, abiding by state restrictions, with social distancing radius. Hugh's funeral will be available for a live webcast by viewing Hugh's page on our website. Condolence, photos and memories can be left for Hugh's family at www.BrownFuneralHomeNiles.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home, Niles.

Thomas M. Fry

June 28, 1938 – May 4, 2020

Thomas M. Fry, 81, of Breedsville passed away Monday, May 4, 2020, at Medilodge of Kalamazoo.

Tom was born June 28, 1938, in Lawrence, the son of Chester and Catherine (Lee) Fry, and had lived in the Breedsville area the majority of his life. He graduated from St. Augustine High School in Kalamazoo in 1956, attended Western Michigan University, Alexian Brothers School of Male Nursing and Worsham School of Mortuary Science. He served most of his life in the funeral service industry as a funeral home owner and funeral director. Tom Resided in Breedsville in the later part of his life.

Surviving are his two brothers, Michael (Maryanne) Fry of Glendale, Ariz., and Daniel (Sharon) Fry of Bangor; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

There will be a private graveside service at Breedsville Cemetery, Columbia Township. Arrangements are entrusted to the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home. The family suggests memorials be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Fresh
5 Canine command
8 Sis' sib
11 Chills
12 Troop group
14 Stick up
15 Expense
16 Wight or Capri
17 Yes vote
18 Sand bar
20 No matter what
22 Acorn
23 Pickling herb
24 Magazine stand
27 Tread
29 Courtroom vow (2 wds.)
30 Wide-spread
34 Emulate Gregory Hines (2 wds.)
37 Promissory note
38 Aboard ship
39 European river
41 Cheer
43 All-purpose truck
44 Romeo's girl
46 Lascivious looks
49 Luau instrument
50 Get by effort
52 Sped off
54 Wear
55 Urgent appeal
56 Summit
57 Off — — tangent
58 Music buys
59 Buzz

DOWN
1 Boot liner
2 Id companions
3 Hurry
4 Wyoming range
5 Muscular
6 Coast Guard off.
7 Arizona river
8 Noisy fight
9 Queenly
10 Toe the line
13 Watched over
19 Puffin's kin
21 Cry of fright
24 Tool set
25 Mont. neighbor
26 Comics caveman
27 Pet lovers' grp.
28 Be even
30 Compass dir.
31 1,002, for Caesar
32 Am — — time?
33 Pool hall item
35 "Soft Watches" artist
36 Dozing
39 Hwy.
40 Laugh rudely
41 Sgt. Preston's beat
42 Helen, in Spanish
43 Arm bones
44 Karate kin
45 Chalky mineral
47 Wealthy
48 Long-distance hauler
51 Blushing
53 Bonn article

Answer to Previous Puzzle

B	A	G			P	U	B		G	O	A	L
O	R	E		J	E	T	E		A	N	K	A
O	C	T		O	P	A	L		I	S	I	S
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H	O	E		P	U	C	E		G	O	R	P
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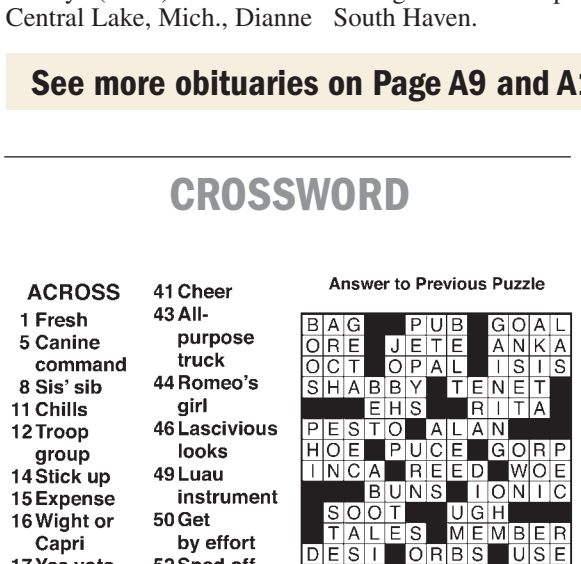

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ARWEV

ZWTAL

HOONBB

TVANIE

It's time to hit the showers.
I'm not done! I'll change up my pitches more.
THE STARTING PITCHER ARGUED AGAINST BEING REPLACED AND DIDN'T WANT TO ---
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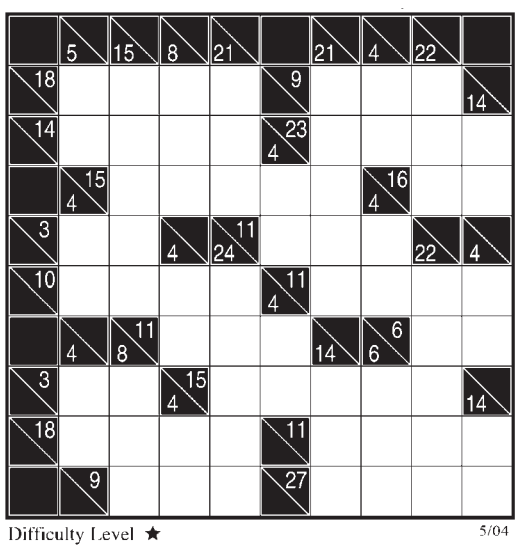
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

THE

(Answers tomorrow)

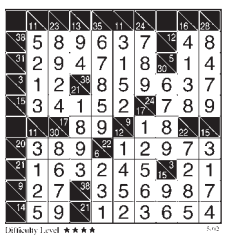
Saturday's Jumbles: VENUE ROUGH SMUGLY PAPAYA
Answer: Mount Everest tops out at 29,029 feet, making it hard for other mountains to — MEASURE UP

KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★ 5/04



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 5/04

BRIDGE

William Shakespeare, in "Hamlet," wrote, "He's loved of the distracted multitude, who like not in their judgment, but their eyes."

At the bridge table, a well-timed falsecard may distract an opponent. When should you make a falsecard, though?

When you have no legitimate chance to make your contract. Then maybe an opponent will take his eyes off the cards. Today's deal was played some years ago during a rubber-bridge game in London. The stake was approximately $3 per point.

North's opening would not meet with universal approval, and South took a logical shot at three notrump.

Obviously, a diamond lead would have defeated the contract quickly. But West chose the spade two. Then East, for some reason confident that declarer had the ace, played his jack so that he could learn who held the queen.

The declarer, Howard Cohen, was confident that if he took the first trick with his spade queen and immediately played a heart, whoever had that ace would take the trick and shift to diamonds. So he won the first trick with the spade ace! Then he led a heart.

West, suitably fooled, dashed in with his ace and continued with the spade 10. When East thoughtlessly played low, South scooped up the trick with his queen and soon claimed 11 tricks: two spades, three hearts and six clubs.

Afterward, East apologized to his partner. He realized that if West had started with the spade queen and 10, he would have led the queen at trick three.

North 05-04-20
♠ 7 6
♥ Q 9 4 3
♦ 7
♣ A 10 9 7 6 2

West
♠ 10 3 2
♥ A 10 8
♦ Q J 5 4
♣ J 5 3

East
♠ K J 9 8 5
♥ J 7 6
♦ A K 10 3
♣ 8

South
♠ A Q 4
♥ K 5 2
♦ 9 8 6 2
♣ K Q 4

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
		3♣	3♠
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 2

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

		8	4	7	9	3		
4		5		2	1	8		7
		9		3	5			6
	1			6			7	
	5	4		1		6	8	
	9			5			2	
3			5	9		4		
5		7	1	4		9		8
		1	3	8	2	7		

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

5	7	3	2	9	1	6	4	8
8	2	9	7	4	6	5	1	3
1	4	6	3	8	5	9	2	7
3	9	2	8	1	4	7	6	5
6	5	4	9	3	7	2	8	1
7	8	1	6	5	2	4	3	9
2	6	8	1	7	9	3	5	4
4	1	7	5	2	3	8	9	6
9	3	5	4	6	8	1	7	2

PRIME TIME TV

TUESDAY EVENING MAY 5

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	The Conners	Bless This M.	mixed-ish	black-ish	For Life "Closing Statement" (N) CC	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Sound Off" CC (DVS)		FBI "Ties That Bind" CC		FBI: Most Wanted "Getaway" (N) CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	The Voice "Live Top 17 Results" (N)		Ellen's Game of Games (N) CC		New Amsterdam CC (DVS)	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	The Masked Singer The Super Nine hit the stage. CC (DVS)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Steves' Europe	The Queen at War (N) CC		American Experience "George W. Bush" Life and presidency of George W. Bush. (N)			
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	The Flash "Pay the Piper" (N) CC		DC's Legends of Tomorrow (N) CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "Promise" CC (DVS)		Chicago P.D. "Actual Physical Violence"		Chicago P.D. "Debts of the Past" CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	The Flash "Pay the Piper" (N) CC		DC's Legends of Tomorrow (N) CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "The Happy List"		Highway to Heaven "Hello and Farewell"		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish "Lemons"	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	First 48: Shocking	The First 48 "The Girl Next Door"		The First 48: Catching a Killer (N) CC		Accused: Guilty or Innocent? (N) CC	
AMC	Private Ryan	★★★ American Sniper ('14) Bradley Cooper, Sienna Miller. Navy SEAL Chris Kyle logs an incredible number of kills. CC					
Animal	Bu. Peo	Bush People		Bush People		Homestead Rescue	
BET	6:00 ★★ Lottery Ticket			★★ Takers ('10) Matt Dillon. CC			
Big Ten	Indiana Basketball		Big Ten Elite CC		Indiana		Indiana
Bravo	Vanderpump Rul	Vanderpump Rules CC		Vanderpump Rules (N) CC		Camp Getaway "Let Them Eat Cake"	
Cartoon	Victor	American	American	American	Rick	Burgers	Burgers
Cinemax	6:10 In Time	★★ Welcome to Marwen ('18) Steve Carell, Leslie Mann. (P). CC				★★ Lowriders ('16, Drama) CC	
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	CNBC	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		The Profit (N) CC	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk
Discovery	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch CC					
Disney	Bunk'd	Big City	Big City	Bunk'd	Raven	Gabby	Coop
DIY	Holmes	Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid	
E!	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
ESPN	:00 MLB Baseball						
ESPN2	Studio	Top Rank Box		Top Rank Box		Top Rank Box	
ESPNC	Baseball	MLB Baseball				MLB Baseball	
Food	Chopped	Chopped CC		Chopped (N) CC		Supermarket	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Tennis	Detroit Tigers Classics From April 7, 1984. (N)					Grillin
Freefrm	6:00 ★★★ The Goonies ('85)		★★ Jumanji ('95) Robin Williams. A sinister board game puts its players in mortal jeopardy. CC				
FX	★★ Transformers: The Last Knight ('17) Mark Wahlberg, Anthony Hopkins. The war between Transformers and humans threatens Earth. CC						
Golf	Skill	Golf's Greatest Rounds CC					
Hallmark	Love by Chance	A Valentine's Match ('20) Mary-Margaret Humes, Bethany Joy Lenz. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	6:50 ★★★ La La Land ('16, Musical) Ryan Gosling. CC			Natalie Wood: What Remains Behind ('20) (P).			:45 Run "Chase"
History	Oak Is	Drilling Down		Lost Gold-WWII		The Secret of Skin	
HGTV	Fixer	Bargain Mansions		Bargain Mansions		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	7 Little	Little People, World		Little People, World		7 Little Johnstons	
Lifetime	Single Moms	★★ Madea's Witness Protection ('12) Tyler Perry. Madea uses tough love on a Wall Street banker and his family. CC					
MSNBC	Decision	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Catfish	Teen Mom OG (N)		Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Sports	Chicago Bulls Classic (N)				Insd.	Insd.
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Mock Draft Live		A Football Life		A Football Life	
Nick	Sponge.	Danger	Sponge.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	:00 Drain	Drain (N) CC		Atomic Ghost Fleet		Drain-Viking Seas	
Oxygen	:00 Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D. "Good Men" CC (DVS)		Chicago P.D. "The Forgotten"		Chicago P.D. "Pain Killer" CC (DVS)	
Parmt	Two Men	★★★ First Blood ('82) Sylvester Stallone. CC					Rambo II
Showtime	★★ Red Dawn	Ray Donovan "Twerk" CC		Escape at Dannemora CC		★★ The Upside ('17) Kevin Hart.	
Starz	6:59 ★★★ A Beautiful Mind ('01, Biography) Russell Crowe, Ed Harris. CC				:17 Outlander "Journeycake" CC		Men in Black
STZENC	:29 ★★ Underworld: Awakening ('12, Fantasy) CC			★★ White Boy Rick ('18) Matthew McConaughey, Richie Merritt. CC			
SyFy	:15 ★★ 2 Fast 2 Furious ('03, Action) Paul Walker, Tyrese. CC (DVS)				★★★ Wanted ('08, Action) James McAvoy. CC (DVS)		
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Last O.G. (N)
TCM	To Be Announced	★★ The Scarlet Empress ('34, Biography) Marlene Dietrich, John Lodge. CC				★★★ Cleopatra ('63) CC	
TMC	Billionaire Boys	★★ Booty Call ('97, Comedy) Jamie Foxx. CC			★★★ The Brothers ('01) Morris Chestnut. CC		
TNT	Eagle	★★ Central Intelligence ('16, Action)				★★ Get Hard	
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures (N) CC				Ghost Nation (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH1	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	:00 ★ What Happens in Vegas ('08) Cameron Diaz. CC			★ What Happens in Vegas ('08) Cameron Diaz, Ashton Kutcher. CC			

Churlish customers make life even more stressful for clerk

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I work in the deli department of a grocery store and have been struggling lately. With everything that is going on, people are overwhelmed and have been taking it out on us.

I asked one person, "How are you doing today?" The response I got was, "I'm not interested in conversation. Just feed me!" Another who came to the register didn't utter a single word except to exclaim, when I offered her a bottle opener for her soda, "I've got it!" Then she snatched her change out of my hand. I don't even get the brunt of it; the cashiers have to handle the worst of it.

We employees are stressed out about the same things everyone else is. We are struggling to get the same products everyone else is searching desperately for. I had to shop at five different stores to get what I need and still haven't found many things.

Between the stress of the virus and the stress of being treated so rudely, my mental health is running low. I have struggled on and off with depression and anxiety, and many of my coping methods are unavailable to me due to closures. Could you please remind your readers that we are all in the same boat and need to be kind to one another, and direct those of us who are struggling emotionally to resources we can access during this time of panic? – Struggling In Retail

DEAR STRUGGLING: I agree that many people react badly when under stress, as the customers you described have done. But many others respect and appreciate the efforts you and so many others in the food supply chain make every day – at some risk to your own health. I am one of them.

Because you have had issues with depression and anxiety in the past, consider contacting the therapist you worked with and ask if the person is doing online sessions. These days, many of them are. Just talking with someone – friends or like-minded co-workers – about what you are experiencing could bring some relief.

However, if that isn't possible, consider exploring whether there are online support groups for retail workers such as you. If there aren't, consider starting one so you and others can exchange ideas about coping with these extremely stressful circumstances in which we all find ourselves.

DEAR ABBY: My husband loves our cat too much. He buys "Miss Kitty" special treats, pets her, talks nicely to her, plants quick kisses on the top of her head and lets her sit on his lap while he watches TV for hours. It's like I'm nonexistent. I wish he would be that nice to me.

He's a good provider and, when we are away from the house, I have his full attention. I'm resenting this queen of our home. What should I do? I'd like to take her back to the animal shelter. It was my sorry idea to adopt her. – In Second Place

DEAR SECOND PLACE: My first suggestion is to find reasons to spend more time with your husband away from the house. The second would be to adopt a dog. And if you do, make sure YOU are the one who feeds and walks it, unless your husband has such an affinity for pets that adopting another one isn't worth the risk.

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Untrustworthy grandparents ask for kids' Social Security numbers

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: My in-laws are on the sleazy side and I wish my husband would stand up to them, but if he won't, I will. Their business got in some trouble years ago and to get quick cash they committed identity fraud and opened up credit in my husband's name. We didn't find out until it caused major headaches for us when we were buying a new car. They apologized with a flood of crocodile tears and how their backs were against the wall yadda yadda. That mess also delayed us buying a house for years.

They climbed out of their financial difficulty and offered us cash to make up for what they did (we refused), but I cannot forgive them for all the trouble they caused us.

Our children are 4 and 6 now, and my in-laws want their Social Security numbers to start bank accounts for them. I've put my foot down since this would be asking for trouble. My husband says this is traditional for grandparents to do in his family, we are hurting their feelings, and I need to "forgive and forget."

It's true I haven't forgiven them, but that's not why I'm holding firm on this issue. My husband says we can give the information to them and monitor our kids' accounts. Why not head that problem off? Isn't giving them this info a terrible idea? – Foot Down

DEAR FOOT DOWN: Yes, it's a terrible, terrible idea. Horrible.

Zillions of grands manage to be generous with their grandkids without their Social Security numbers. You open the accounts yourself and steer gifts there.

The bigger issue is that your husband is still enmeshed with parents who *stole from you*. There's work to do there, which you obviously know, but it's also fair of you to say he needs to do that work before you'll agree to anything regarding his parents. "Hurting their feelings"? Egads. I'm sorry.

DEAR CAROLYN: My husband and I are always the first on the dance floor at and the last ones off. One of my friends filmed a group of us, and, oh my God, it turns out I am a TERRIBLE dancer. Not only do I have zero rhythm, apparently I have a habit of aggressively contorting my face as I sing along to the song. My husband said he thinks my dancing is "adorable" but kind of "terrifying until you get used to it," while my best friend just laughed hysterically when I asked her if I was a bad dancer.

Now I'm self-conscious, and my stuffy law firm hosts a dinner dance – should I avoid the dance floor? Try to take lessons? Threaten to dance at every firm meeting unless they make me a partner? – Dancing

DEAR DANCING: OMG you are awesome. I am so sorry you're self-conscious now, and hope you can compartmentalize it away.

In the meantime: Yes, avoid the dance floor at stuffy work functions, which I'd say to anyone at a judgy workplace, even to a Fred-and-Ginger-in-one; yes, take dancing lessons (because they're fun); and yes, give your husband a hug because he sounds awesome, too.

And please don't stop dancing (that was readers' consensus as well).

RE: DANCING: Elaine Benes, is that you? bit.ly/GoElaine – Anonymous

ANONYMOUS: "Sweet fancy Moses!"

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Poet's black
5 Dazzle
8 Hired car
11 Type size
12 Alias ltrs.
13 With, to Henri
15 One with a cause
17 Matador's foe
18 Library abbr.
19 Slot site
21 At an angle
24 Quiet sound
25 Computer key
26 The "merry month"
27 Dairy bar order
30 Mean person
32 Heifer's hello
33 Applied henna
37 Chair or bench
38 Wiretap
39 Racehorse parent
40 Debutante's bow
43 Links org.
44 Pen part
47 Lawyer's thing
48 Actor — Welles
50 Put down a rug
52 Caustic solution
53 Ship's bottom
54 Travel stops
59 Fencer's blade
60 Abby's sister
61 Sheik colleague
62 NFL scores
63 Jazz instrument, for short
64 Carries

DOWN
1 Clean air org.
2 Razor brand
3 World Series mo.
4 Easily duped
5 Mournful cry
6 Approves
7 Four-footed sentries
8 Broadway musical
9 Keep away from
10 European capital
14 Aloof
16 Commitments
20 Just as I thought!
21 Singer Tori —
22 Prudent
23 Actress — Sedgwick
24 Pigs' noses
28 Rain gear
29 Bradley and McBain
31 And so on
34 Puppy noises
35 Reasoner's word
36 College VIP
41 Homepage addr.
42 Cellist — Ma (hyph.)
44 Heat in a microwave
45 Clumsy
46 Reproduce
49 Delight in
51 Sp. cheers
52 Bobcat
55 Miscellany
56 Tall bird
57 Manipulate
58 Almost-grads

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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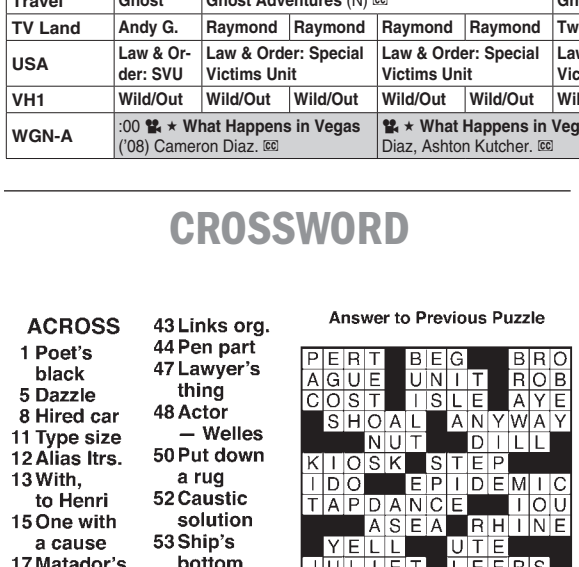

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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DYOTID

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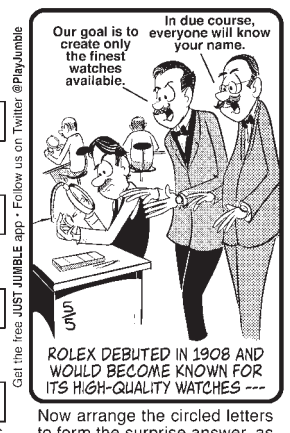
Our goal is to create only the finest watches available.
In due course, everyone will know your name.
ROLEX DEBUTED IN 1908 AND WOULD BECOME KNOWN FOR ITS HIGH-QUALITY WATCHES

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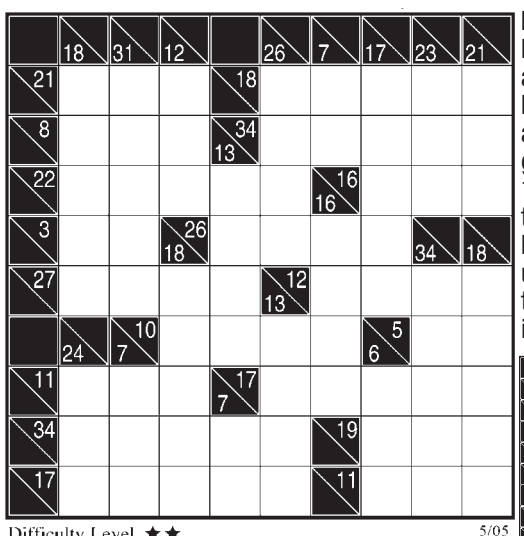
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

_____ IN _____ _____

(Answers tomorrow)

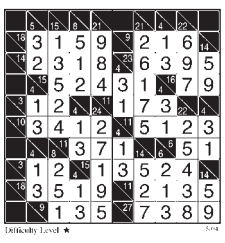
Yesterday's Jumbles: WAVER WALTZ HOBNOB NATIVE
Answer: The starting pitcher argued against being replaced and didn't want to — THROW IN THE TOWEL

KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★★ 5/05



BRIDGE

When on defense, how do you signal? Do you give attitude precedence over count (good) or the reverse (not so good)? Or do you give partner the signal that you think he wants to receive? This last approach is obviously best, but it is fraught with danger. Will you always know which signal partner would like? Will partner be confident that you are giving the signal he needs?

However, there are some textbook signaling situations. One arises in today's deal. South is in four hearts. After West leads the diamond jack, what should happen?

North used a Texas transfer to reach four hearts. However, he would have done better here to raise to three no-trump.

Partner leads a card. When you, third hand, follow suit, and you play the highest card so far contributed, so that you might even win the trick, you usually follow the key guideline of playing the bottom of your equally high cards. Here, that would mean the diamond king.

However, when you have exactly the ace-king doubleton, you reverse the procedure, winning with the ace and cashing the king at trick two.

Then it is partner's job to tell you where his entry card lies by giving you a suit-preference signal. Here, since West wants a spade shift, he drops the diamond 10 at trick two – his highest diamond signaling for the higher-ranking spade suit.

North 05-05-20
♠ 10 6
♥ A K Q J 10 4
♦ 9 6 2
♣ 10 6

West
♠ A 5 4 2
♥ 8
♦ J 10 8 4 3
♣ J 5 2

East
♠ 9 8 7 3
♥ 7 5 2
♦ A K
♣ 9 8 7 3

South
♠ K Q J
♥ 9 6 3
♦ Q 7 5
♣ A K Q 4

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ J

East leads the spade nine at trick three and receives a diamond ruff at trick four to defeat the contract.

Similarly, if you are leading from ace-king doubleton, start with the king and continue with the ace.

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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2	3		9	8	1		6	
	5	1		2	6	4		
5	2	8		6				
		9		1		3		
				9		2	7	6
		2	6	3		5	4	
	6		2	4	7		9	1
8	4			5			3	

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

2	6	8	4	7	9	3	5	1
4	3	5	6	2	1	8	9	7
1	7	9	8	3	5	2	4	6
8	1	2	9	6	4	5	7	3
7	5	4	2	1	3	6	8	9
6	9	3	7	5	8	1	2	4
3	8	6	5	9	7	4	1	2
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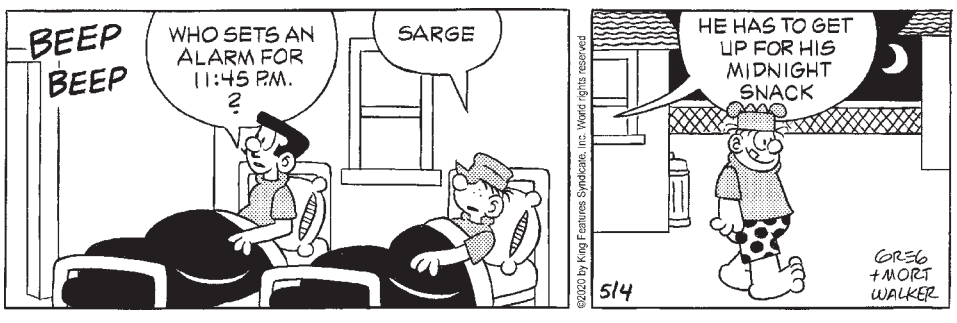
BEEP BEEP
WHO SETS AN ALARM FOR 11:45 P.M. ?
SARGE
HE HAS TO GET UP FOR HIS MIDNIGHT SNACK
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GREG + MORT WALKER

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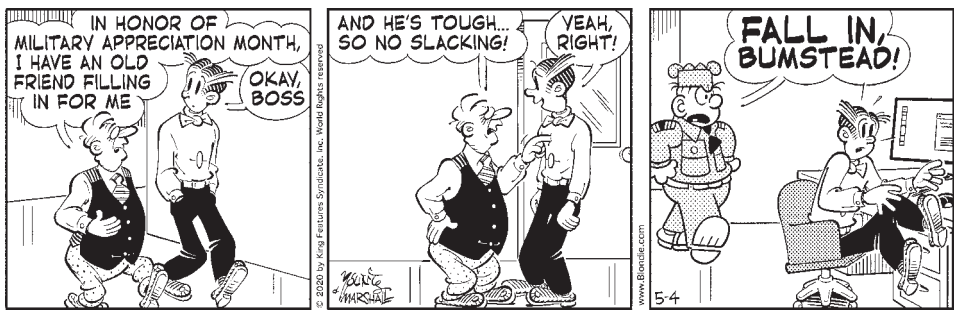
IN HONOR OF MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH, I HAVE AN OLD FRIEND FILLING IN FOR ME
OKAY, BOSS
AND HE'S TOUGH... SO NO SLACKING!
YEAH, RIGHT!
FALL IN, BUMSTEAD!
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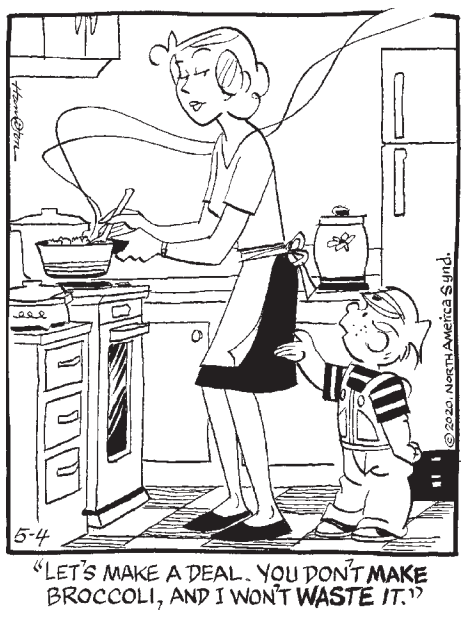
FAMILY CIRCUS

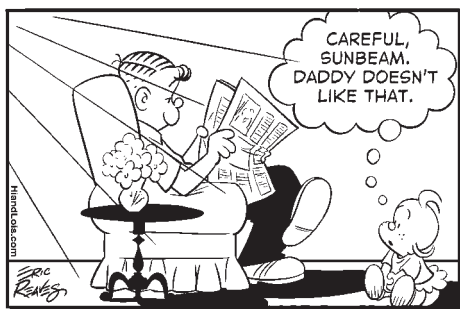
"And please let Grandma know I'm savin' a big hug for her soon."

DENNIS THE MENACE



"LET'S MAKE A DEAL. YOU DON'T MAKE BROCCOLI, AND I WON'T WASTE IT."

HI & LOIS



BABY BLUES

BC

CURTIS

I HAVEN'T BEEN VERY ACTIVE LATELY
I THINK I MIGHT BE DEVELOPING A LITTLE BIT OF A POT BELLY
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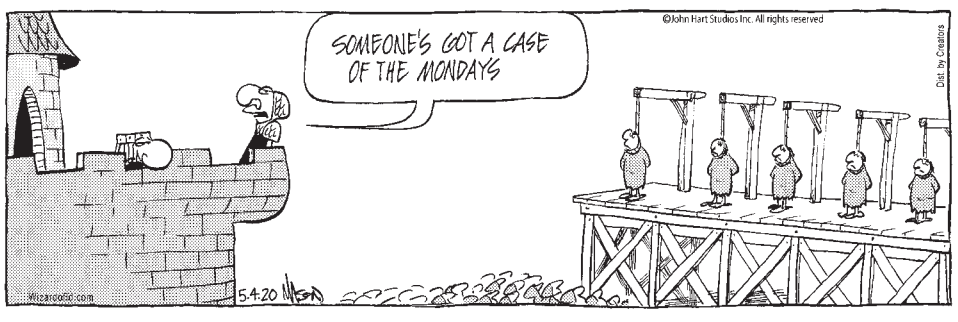
EVERYTHING'S PEACHY LONG AS I DON'T HEAR WHAT YOU'RE THINKING!
WHAT? I WASN'T THINKIN'!!

WIZARD OF ID



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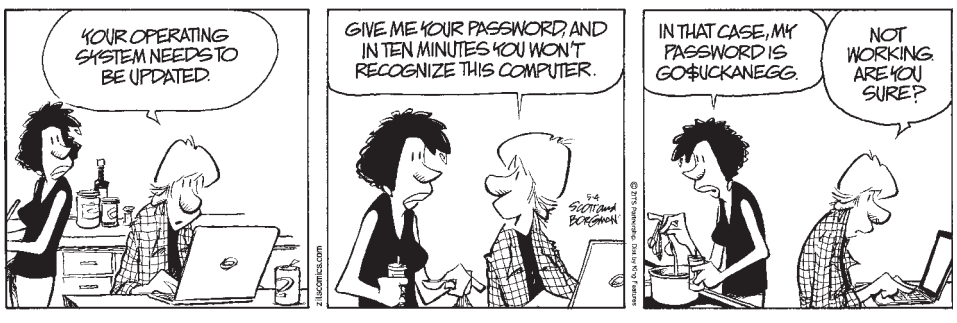
YOUR OPERATING SYSTEM NEEDS TO BE UPDATED.
GIVE ME YOUR PASSWORD, AND IN TEN MINUTES YOU WON'T RECOGNIZE THIS COMPUTER.
IN THAT CASE, MY PASSWORD IS GO$UCKANEGG.
NOT WORKING. ARE YOU SURE?
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DILBERT

OUR DATA SECURITY TEAM INFORMS ME WE HAVE AN ELBONIAN SPY IN OUR MIDST.
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MAYBE IT'S THIS ELBONIAN GUY YOU HIRED.
WHOA, THAT IS SUPER RACIST.
IS IT YOU?
YES, BUT I DON'T SEE HOW THAT EXCUSES YOU.
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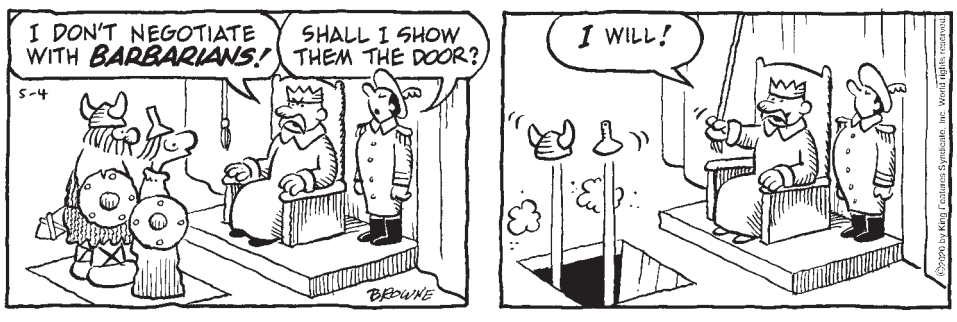
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


I DON'T NEGOTIATE WITH BARBARIANS!
SHALL I SHOW THEM THE DOOR?
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I WILL!
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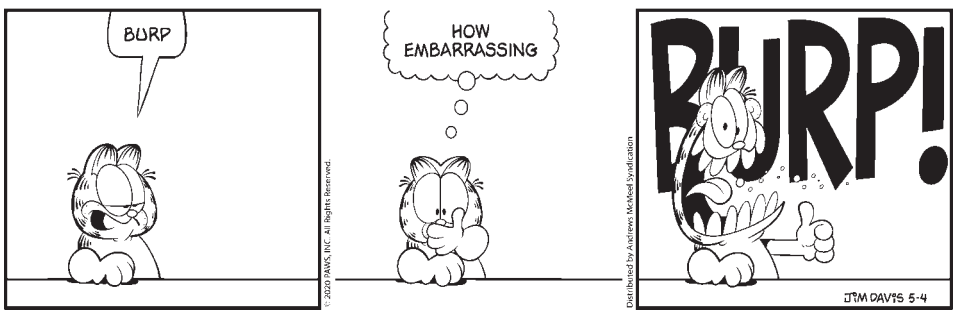
GARFIELD



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

GRIMMY, HOW COULD YOU?!! YOU'VE REALLY DONE IT THIS TIME, MISTER!
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BLINK BLINK
UU
OH, I CAN'T STAY MAD AT YOU. GIVE ME A HUG.
OSCAR
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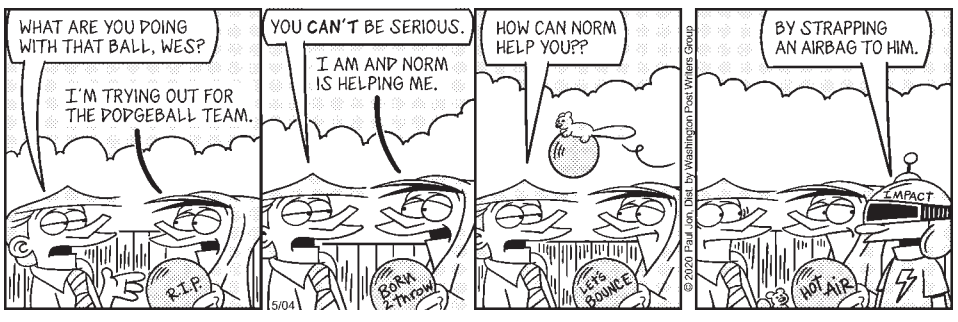
FORT KNOX


WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT BALL, WES?
I'M TRYING OUT FOR THE DODGEBALL TEAM.
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS.
I AM AND NORM IS HELPING ME.
HOW CAN NORM HELP YOU??
BY STRAPPING AN AIRBAG TO HIM.
R.I.P.
BORN TO THROW!
LET'S BOUNCE!
IMPACT
HOT AIR
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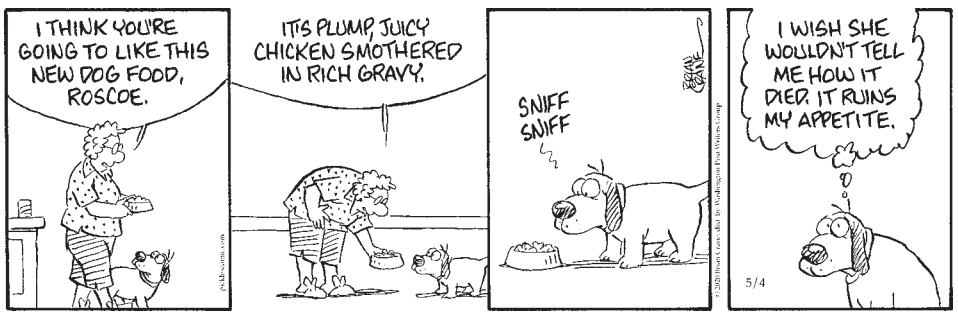
MUTTS

PICKLES


I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO LIKE THIS NEW DOG FOOD, ROSCOE.
IT'S PLUMP, JUICY CHICKEN SMOTHERED IN RICH GRAVY.
SNIFF SNIFF
I WISH SHE WOULDN'T TELL ME HOW IT DIED. IT RUINS MY APPETITE.
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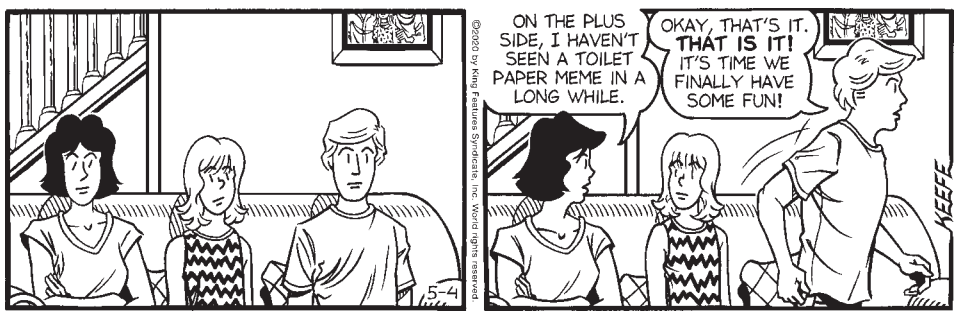
SALLY FORTH


ON THE PLUS SIDE, I HAVEN'T SEEN A TOILET PAPER MEME IN A LONG WHILE.
OKAY, THAT'S IT. THAT IS IT! IT'S TIME WE FINALLY HAVE SOME FUN!
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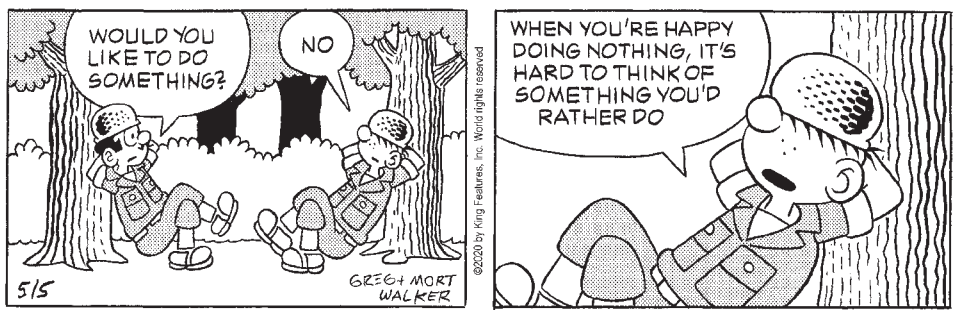
WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO SOMETHING?
NO
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GREG+ MORT WALKER
WHEN YOU'RE HAPPY DOING NOTHING, IT'S HARD TO THINK OF SOMETHING YOU'D RATHER DO
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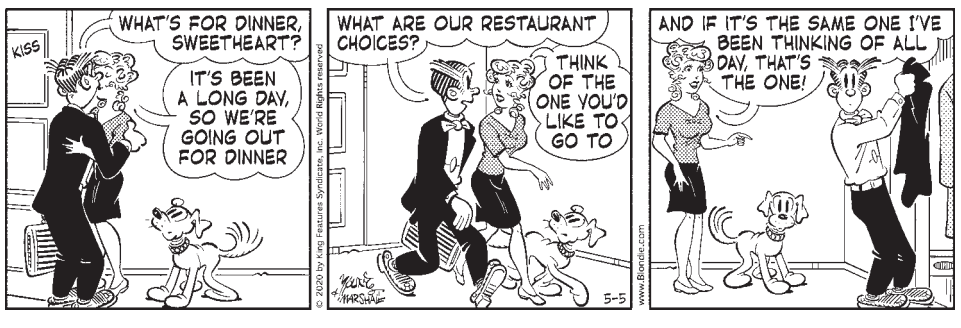
KISS
WHAT'S FOR DINNER, SWEETHEART?
IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY, SO WE'RE GOING OUT FOR DINNER
WHAT ARE OUR RESTAURANT CHOICES?
THINK OF THE ONE YOU'D LIKE TO GO TO
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AND IF IT'S THE SAME ONE I'VE BEEN THINKING OF ALL DAY, THAT'S THE ONE!
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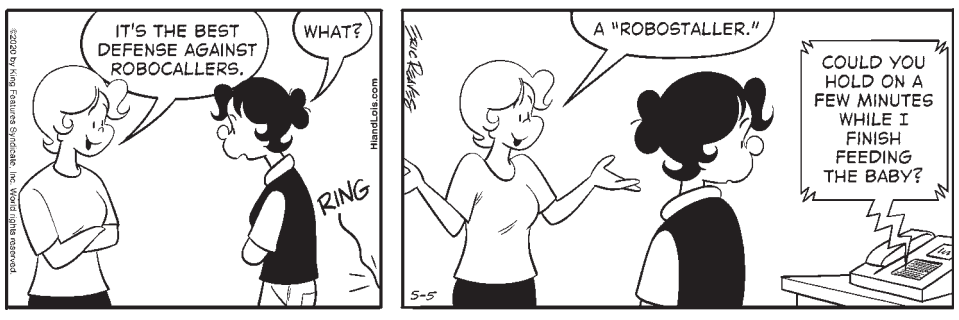
HI & LOIS



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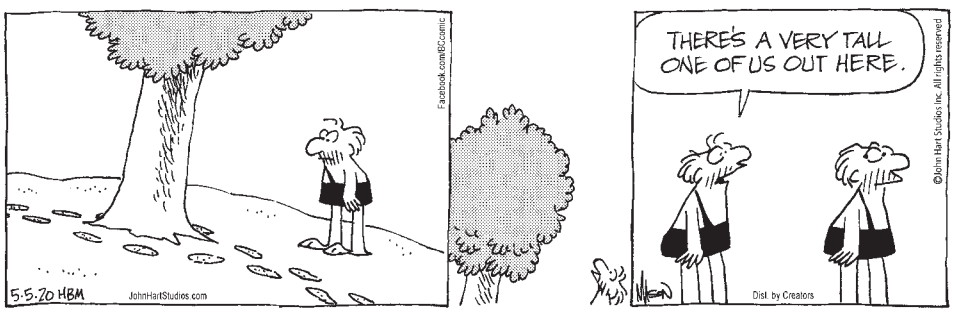

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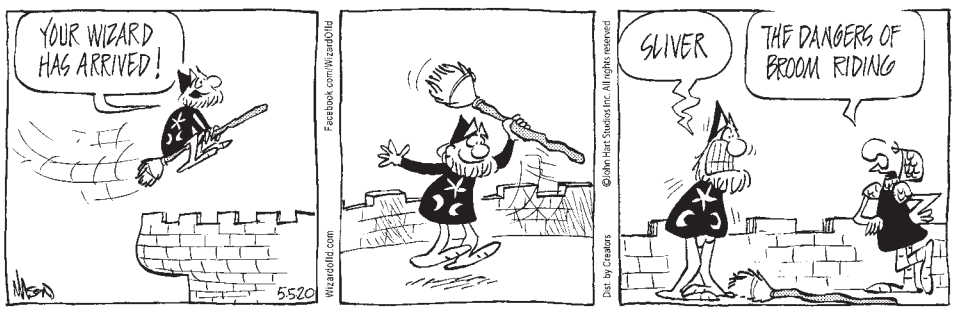

DILBERT

OUR SECURITY TEAM SAYS YOU HAVE BEEN SENDING OUR PROPRIETARY DATA TO ELBONIA.
YOU CAN'T PROVE THAT.
I MONITOR ALL OF YOUR INTERNET ACTIVITIES.
I MONITOR ALL OF YOUR INTERNET ACTIVITY, TOO.
THEN LET'S FORGET WE HAD THIS CONVER-SATION.
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FORT KNOX

PLEASE TELL ME IT'S NOT TRUE.
IT IS, KURT.
hit me
I PLAN TO JOIN THE DODGEBALL TEAM.
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THEN I NEED TO STOP YOU FROM GETTING SERIOUSLY HURT.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
PUNCH SOME SENSE INTO YOU.
RIP
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PICKLES

SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THIS LAMP. I PUT A NEW LIGHT BULB IN IT, BUT IT STILL WON'T GO ON.
LET ME TRY IT. SOMETIMES IT JUST TAKES THE RIGHT TOUCH.
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BZZT!
ON THE OTHER HAND, IT'S USUALLY BETTER TO TO LET A LICENSED ELECTRICIAN HANDLE THIS SORT OF THING.

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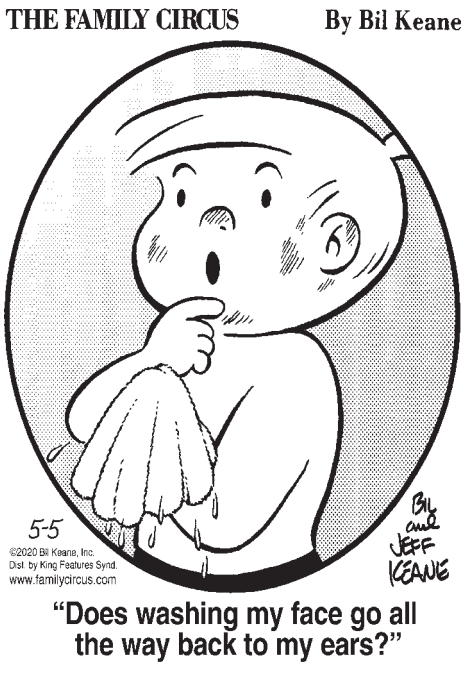
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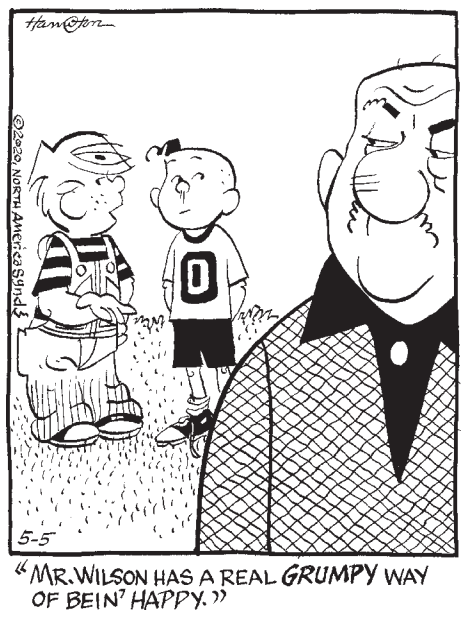
"Does washing my face go all the way back to my ears?"

DENNIS THE MENACE



BABY BLUES

WHY DID YOU PUT PEANUT BUTTER IN YOUR PANTS POCKETS??
IN CASE I GOT HUNGRY WHILE I WAS PLAYING OUTSIDE.
YOU COULD HAVE JUST STOPPED PLAYING AND COME INSIDE TO EAT!
STOPPLAYING?? HA! HA! HA!
YOU HAVE A LOT TO LEARN WHEN IT COMES TO BEING A BOY, MOM.
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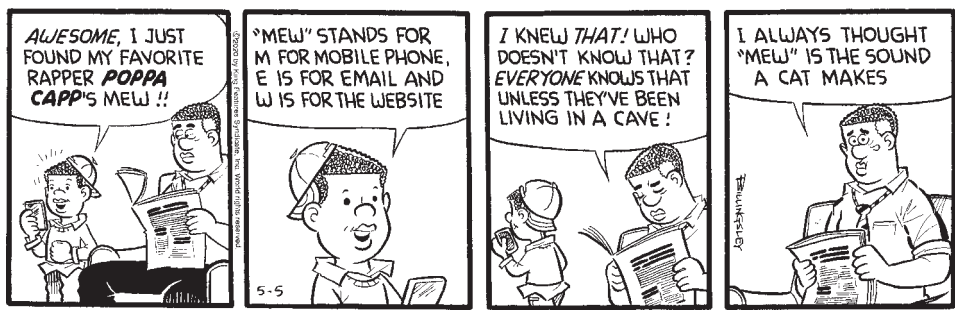
CURTIS


AWESOME, I JUST FOUND MY FAVORITE RAPPER POPPA CAPP'S MEW !!
"MEW" STANDS FOR M FOR MOBILE PHONE, E IS FOR EMAIL AND W IS FOR THE WEBSITE
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I KNEW THAT! WHO DOESN'T KNOW THAT? EVERYONE KNOWS THAT UNLESS THEY'VE BEEN LIVING IN A CAVE!
I ALWAYS THOUGHT "MEW" IS THE SOUND A CAT MAKES

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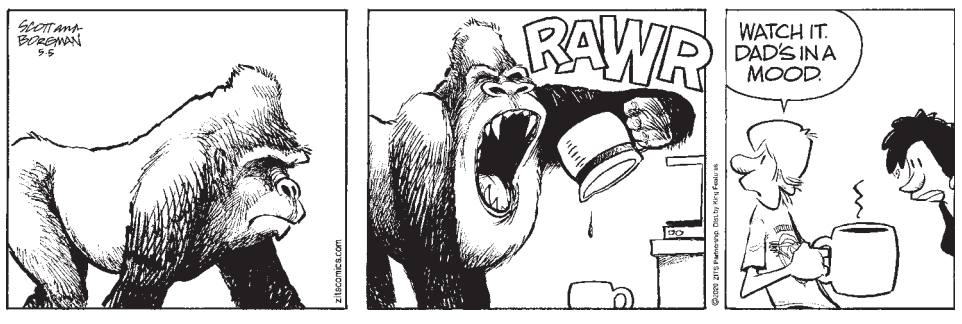

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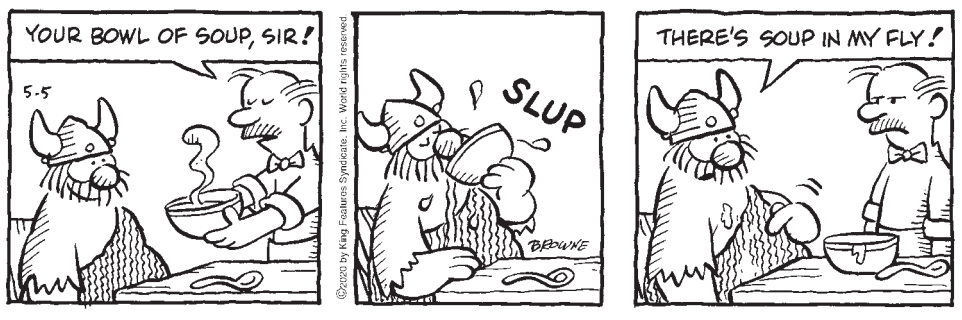
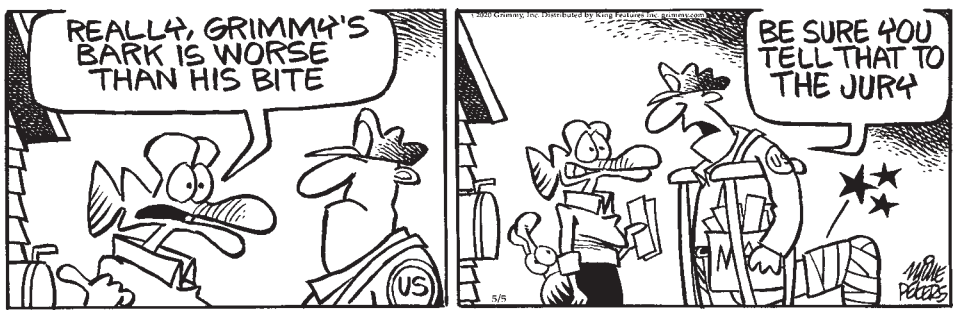


MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



MUTTS

SALLY FORTH

LISTEN, WE HAVE A BACKYARD. WE HAVE EACH OTHER! AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SOME FUN...
MY CO-WORKER KEVIN SAID HE AND HIS FAMILY HAVE BEEN PLAYING REALITY SHOW COMPETITIONS AT HOME, AND I THINK WE SHOULD DO THE SAME THING!
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I THOUGHT KEVIN WAS SINGLE WITHOUT KIDS.
HE MADE UP A FAMILY WHILE HAVING TO STAY INDOORS. I REALLY SHOULD CHECK IN WITH HIM MORE.
KEEFE

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By EUGENIA LAST

TUESDAY, MAY 5

Pitch in and help. Your actions will affect how others respond and what you receive. Participate and be prepared to compromise when necessary, and you'll find it easier to reach your goals as the year progresses. It's up to you to create opportunities instead of waiting for them to come to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Finish what you start. Being productive will help deter criticism and arguments. Work to become more financially secure. Be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be careful how you allot your time. Acquiring knowledge and taking care of your health and physical needs should be priorities. Don't trust anyone with your passwords or possessions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do whatever brings you joy, and it will ease stress. Give others space if you want to receive the same privilege. A worthwhile contribution will lift your spirits.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do what you do best and stay out of trouble. Refuse to get lured into someone else's drama or get-rich-quick scheme. You'll do best if you do your own thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you add a unique twist to the way you do things, you'll discover a new way to use your skills. Focus on making money and expanding your interests.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't take on additional responsibilities. Move at a comfortable speed in order to ease stress. You don't have to keep up; you just have to do what's best for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Speak up, as what you have to say will make a difference. The people you encounter will offer you a connection that can help you prioritize your goals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Help yourself first. If you let someone take advantage of you, it will disrupt your life and a relationship with a loved one. Focus on home, family and romance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Bring about change for the right reason. Refuse to let your emotions get in the way of an important decision. Don't let hesitation limit your options. Be receptive to group discussions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Consider the reasons behind your desire to make a purchase. Look around, and you'll discover that you can make do with what you've got. Channel your energy into physical work, exercise and romance.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Relationship issues should be handled with care. Push for a change that is beneficial to everyone, not just to you. If you want a positive response, offer a fair solution.

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OBITUARIES

Jeffrey Steven Lulenski

Nov. 25, 1967 – April 25, 2020

Jeffrey Steven Lulenski passed at 8:25 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2020, peacefully at home in San Jose, Calif., surrounded by his loving family.

Jeff was a devoted husband to Heather, a proud father of Sienna and Kelsey, a loyal son of Mary Ann and Gary, a protective big brother of Michael and David, and a friend and mentor to countless others throughout his life. He was born in Virginia and spent a majority of his life growing up in his hometown of St. Joseph. Jeff graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1985 and attended Michigan State University, getting a dual degree in business and telecommunications. Jeff furthered his education, obtaining a Master of Business Administration degree at the UCLA Anderson School of Management. Jeff became a leader and mentor to many throughout his career in management, starting in Chicago at Deloitte & Touche and Tribune Company, and then moving to San Jose, where he worked for Knight Ridder Digital, then becoming vice president in business development at Yahoo, and most recently with GoDaddy.

Jeff took the most pleasure in being a husband and a father to his beautiful girls. Despite Jeff's intensely busy work schedule and international travel, he always made time for his girls – supportive of Sienna with her love of equestrian activities and of Kelsey with her extremely active soccer schedule. Both have excelled due to the support of their devoted parents.

Jeff was kind, thoughtful, selfless, witty and persistent. A talented musician, he played the bass in many bands throughout high school, college and even in subsequent years. Many who went to Michigan State during his years probably went to a "Mega Bash" and saw him playing the bass and singing. In the past couple of years, he added the ukulele into his musical repertoire and thoroughly enjoyed playing. Jeff was also a world traveler and his favorite spot was Hawaii. His family vacationed in Kauai yearly and loved the beaches at Hanalei Bay.

He is survived by his wife, Heather (Kulish); daughters, Sienna and Kelsey; mother Mary Ann; father and stepmother, Gary and Kaye; brothers, Mike and Dave; and stepsiblings, Bryan, Kristen and Jason Smith.

Jeff's wishes were to have a portion of his ashes spread at Hanalei Bay, as well as in Lake Michigan near his father's home in St. Joseph. Due to current shelter-in-place guidelines, memorials in San Jose and St. Joseph will be postponed until further notice. Jeff was a true Spartan and fought like one until the end! Go Green...Go White!!

If you'd like to make a donation in Jeff's memory to help find a cure for pancreatic neuroendocrine cancers, please do so online at: https://makeagift.stanford.edu/. Under "I Want to Support" select: Centers, Institutes, and More —> Other Designation —> Write In: "The NET Research Fund of Dr. Pamela Kunz -GHGLO," or make a check out to Stanford University and indicate it is for the "NET Research Fund of Dr. Pamela Kunz -GHGLO" and send to: Division of Oncology, c/o Phyllis Bussey, 269 Campus Dr., CCSR 1115, Stanford, CA 94305-5151.

Brenda S. (Marsh) Ruth

March 5, 1950 – May 3, 2020

Brenda S. (Marsh) Ruth, 70, of Buchanan passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Sunday, May 3, 2020, at the home of her daughter, Sandy Tobler, in Buchanan, where she had been under the care of Caring Circle-Hospice at Home.

Brenda was born on March 5, 1950, in Niles, to the late Donald and Mary Ellen (Jenkins) Marsh. She was baptized with her daughter, Sandy, on April 2, 2020. Brenda cherished time spent with her family, especially her grandchildren. Brenda married her beloved husband, William L. Ruth, on Sept. 24, 1966; he preceded her in death on Oct. 25, 2010. Their 44 years of marriage leaves behind four children: Richard (Amy Lake) Ruth of Buchanan, Sandy (Matthew) Tobler of Buchanan, Tony (Pamela Freeman) Ruth of Woodstock, Ga., and Roger (Christy Cornelius) Ruth of Buchanan. Brenda loved being a grandma to her nine grandchildren: Libby Ruth, Alex Tobler, Anna Tobler, Emily Ruth, Jake Ruth, Edgar DelGado Ruth, Justin Ruth, Andrew Ruth and Jack Ruth.

Brenda cherished all of her grandchildren; they filled a space in her heart that she never knew was empty. However, nothing compares to the very special bond she had with Andrew; he made her world a little kinder, a little softer and a little warmer. Andrew was definitely a gift from above for her.

Brenda is also survived by her siblings, Donald Marsh of St. Joseph, Bob (Sue) Marsh of Byron Center, Mich., and Linda (Tim) Bybee of McConnells, S.C.

She is preceded in death by her brothers, Dale Marsh and Bruce Marsh; and her sisters-in-law, Kathy Marsh (Bruce) and Charlene Marsh (Donald).

The family would like to recognize the exceptional end of life care provided by Caring Circle-Hospice Care. We also want to thank friends and family for their unconditional support. Memorial contributions can be made in Brenda's honor to Caring Circle, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph, MI 49085, or online at www.caring-circle.org.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Swem Chapel, Buchanan. To leave your condolences and memories please go to www.swemchapel.com.

A graveside celebration will take place at 1 p.m. Friday, May 8, in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Buchanan, where Brenda and her late husband, William, will be laid to rest together. Please arrive at the cemetery at 12:45 p.m.; we will project the sound using a speaker system.

In respect for social distancing and the family, we ask that the public remain in their cars at the graveside service.

Jeffrey S. Schmidt

Sept. 7, 1942 – May 3, 2020

On May 3, 2020, Dr. Jeffrey S. Schmidt, loving husband, and father of two daughters, passed away peacefully at the age of 77. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Jeff was born on Sept. 7, 1942, in Detroit, to Karl and Julia Schmidt. He attended the University of Detroit and graduated from the University of Detroit Dental School in 1965. Following, he served in the U.S. Army Medical Corp as a captain, stationed at Ireland Army Hospital, Fort Knox, Ky., from 1965 to 1967. On May 15, 1965, he married the love of his life, Meredith (Micki) Hall. Together they had two daughters, Christine and Jennifer, and six grandchildren: Jessica, Jack, Hallie, Hannah, Matthew and River.

Following his military duty, he and his family moved to Southwest Michigan, making their home in St. Joseph, where he joined the dental practice of Drs. Fred and Bill Rahn before opening his own practice for many years on Niles Road until he retired in 2012.

He was a guest lecturer in forensic dentistry at the University of Michigan and a member of the Michigan Dental Association, where he co-founded the Forensic Dental Identification Team and served as a team section leader in 1987.

Jeff received numerous fellowships and public awards, holding appointed positions with the city of St. Joseph, the county of Berrien, the state of Michigan and the federal government. Additionally, he was selected to serve in the United States Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (DMORT) post 911.

Jeff expressed that he could not have achieved these accomplishments without the women in his life, including: his mother, Julia; grandmother, Baba; wife, Meredith; daughters, Christine and Jennifer; and his dedicated dental staff, who were like family to him. He was also extremely grateful to his father, Karl Schmidt, who taught him the importance of family and hard work and made all this possible.

He is survived by his sister, Linda Walker; brother, William Schmidt; his wonderful nieces and nephews; wife, Meredith; daughters, Christine Thome (John) and Jennifer (Deidre); and his grandchildren, whom he adored.

Jeff actually wrote this obituary himself. His friends know how much he enjoyed planning his trips, and they will chuckle when they realize he got to plan his last one. A celebration of Jeff's life will be celebrated with friends and family at a later date.

Jerold L. 'Bubba' Wentland

Oct. 22, 1938 – May 2, 2020

Jerold L. "Bubba" Wentland, 81, of Benton Harbor went to meet his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Saturday, May 2, 2020, at Royalton Manor in St. Joseph as a result of a battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Due to the COVID-19 precautions, private family services and burial will take place. A public Celebration of Life Service will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Jerold's name may be made to Scottdale United Methodist Church. Those wishing to sign Jerold's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Jerold was born Oct. 22, 1938, in St. Joseph, to Nelson and Elsie (Patzer) Wentland. He graduated from St. Joseph High School, Class of 1956. Jerold served his country in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve. Following his military service, he served as a mail carrier for the St. Joseph Post Office, retiring in 1993 after 32 years. He was a volunteer for many years for Benton Township Fire Department. Jerold was an active member of Scottdale United Methodist Church, where he served as a trustee, worked on the pancake breakfasts, salad luncheons and spaghetti dinners, oversaw the fellowship hall and operated the elevator.

Jerold was known for his love of the outdoors. He enjoyed walleye fishing, hunting turkey, goose, duck, deer, elk and buffalo, and trapping beaver, fox, mink, otter and snapping turtles. Jerold was a supporter of the Native Americans and a member of the NRA, Ducks Unlimited, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, National Wild Turkey Federation and the local Berrien County Trophy Toms and several other outdoor/hunting groups. Jerold always had the time to talk with and teach others from his vast knowledge of hunting, fishing and trapping.

Jerold is survived by his son, Jerold N. "Jerry" Wentland of Benton Harbor; his sister, Karen (Steven) Burke of Moriarty, N.M.; his canine "Buddy Pal" Diesel; several nieces and nephews; and friends too numerous to mention.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Neil F. Wentland in 1992.

The family would like to thank Royalton Manor, Caring Circle Hospice and Private Duty Home Healthcare for the excellent care they afforded to Jerald through his illness.

Christania D. Walsh

Dec. 23, 1944 – May 1, 2020

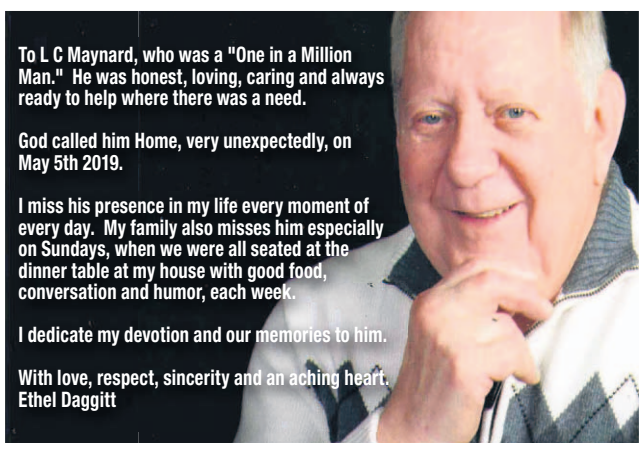
Christania D. Walsh, 75, of St. Joseph passed away on May 1, 2020, at her home.

Cremation has taken place. Burial of ashes will take place in Massachusetts National Cemetery at a later date. Those wishing to leave a message or share a memory with the family online may do so at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

Christania was born Dec. 23, 1944, in Ballston Spa, N.Y., to Edward and Beatrice (Relyea) Little. She married her husband, George, on Nov. 15, 1975, and moved to the St. Joseph area in 2011. Christania enjoyed gardening, knitting blankets for all the kids and reading.

Christania is survived by her husband, George; children, Christania (Thomas) Waggoner of Benton Harbor, Katrina Karen of Schenectady, N.Y., Howard Willis of Ashburn, Va., and Martin (Rose) Walsh of Brockton, Mass.; and one brother, William (Marge) Little of Saratoga, N.Y. Also surviving are 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, George Walsh Jr.


To L C Maynard, who was a "One in a Million Man." He was honest, loving, caring and always ready to help where there was a need.
God called him Home, very unexpectedly, on May 5th 2019.
I miss his presence in my life every moment of every day. My family also misses him especially on Sundays, when we were all seated at the dinner table at my house with good food, conversation and humor, each week.
I dedicate my devotion and our memories to him.
With love, respect, sincerity and an aching heart.
Ethel Daggitt

Death notices

Londrell D. Cook, 26, of Benton Harbor died April 11, 2020, at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Frances "Elaine" Domke, 68, of Benton Harbor died April 30, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Betty Eubanks, 71, of Niles died May 4, 2020, at Lakeland Hospital, Niles. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Marion F. Fleming, 89, of Casco died May 2, 2020. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

Thomas M. Fry, 81, of Breedsville died May 4, 2020, at Medilodge of Kalamazoo. Bangor Chapel, D.L. Miller Funeral Home, 427-7551.

Mary S. Gardner, 63, of Watervliet died May 2, 2020, at home. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Brittany Gerschoffer, 30, of Stevensville died May 1, 2020, in Benton Harbor. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Debra Mae Gunderman, 65, of Dowagiac died May 1, 2020, at home. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Clarence Hancock, 82, of Niles died May 1, 2020, at Brentwood of Niles. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Philip Holm, 88, of Kalamazoo, Mich., died April 29, 2020, in Battle Creek, Mich. Betzler & Thompson Life Story Funeral Home, Paw Paw, 657-3870.

Nora Keys, 83, of Dowagiac died April 30, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Jeffrey S. Lulenski, 52, of San Jose, Calif., formerly of St. Joseph died April 24, 2020, at home. Sacred Space Memorial, San Jose, (408) 863-2513.

Tedd Morris, 81, of Stevensville died May 2, 2020, in Kalamazoo, Mich. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Joe Henry Peet, 69, of Benton Harbor died April 24, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Trevor D. "Harley" Peterman, 53, of Benton Harbor died May 1, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Bobby L. Pugh, 64, of Niles died May 1, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 683-1155.

Brenda S. (Marsh) Ruth, 70, of Buchanan died May 3, 2020, at her daughter's home in Buchanan. Swem Chapel and Cremation Services, Buchanan, 695-6881.

Dr. Jeffrey S. Schmidt, 77, of St. Joseph died May 3, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Keith "Smitty" Smith, 53, of Benton Harbor died April 18, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Wilda J. Trojan, 85, of New Carlisle, Ind., died May 2, 2020, at Hamilton Grove, New Carlisle. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Christania D. Walsh, 75, of St. Joseph died May 1, 2020, at home. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Jerold L. "Bubba" Wentland, 81, of Benton Harbor died May 2, 2020, at Royalton Manor, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Irene J. Wiacek, 88, of Bangor died May 2, 2020, at home. Bangor Chapel, D.L. Miller Funeral Home, 427-7551.

Frances 'Elaine' Domke

Aug. 25, 1951 – April 30, 2020

Frances "Elaine" Domke, 68, of Benton Harbor passed away Thursday, April 30, 2020, at her home.

A private Celebration of Life Service will be held on Thursday, May 7, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Service, with Pastor Tim Sexton officiating. Burial will follow in Millburg Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Domke family in care of Richard Domke. Those wishing to share a memory of Frances online my do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Elaine was born Aug. 25, 1951, to Francis and Doris (McCluskey) Williamson in St. Joseph. On Aug. 27, 1977, she married the love of her life, Richard Domke, in Stevensville. Elaine loved camping, watching birds, crochet and coloring books. Most of all, she loved her family and will be missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her loving husband, Richard Domke; children, Jerry (Tami) Doan and Tina Doan; grandchildren, Eliza, P.J., Samantha and Brandon; and siblings, Vickie (Eddie) Rule, Sally (Tom) Mashak, Jackie Renfro and Hope McCluskey. Frances is also survived by many great neighbors, friends, and her best friend, Craig Fair.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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Getting it straight

The Herald-Palladium makes every effort to ensure accuracy in its stories.

If you think there is an error, please contact the editor of the page on which it occurred. If you are unsure of whom to contact, call Local News Editor Dale Brewer at 429-3797.

Correction

An article published on May 2 about Whirlpool Corp.'s upcoming second quarter listed the wrong figures for the projected decline in net sales and previous net cost guidance for 2020. Company officials anticipate a 13- to 18-percent decline in net sales and the previous net cost guidance was $200 million.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

Despite possible budget cuts next school year, the Berrien Springs School Board voted unanimously to take seventh- and eighth-grade football back under its wing. The program, which has been operated by the village's Parks and Recreation Department since 1981, has about 50 students involved.

Board action came after several parents and two students submitted a request for the district to take over the program. Recreation Department Director Dan Stacey told the board the students need to be elevated to a higher level. Because the football program has not been tied in with the school district, it has been difficult to find schools willing to play.

35 years ago – 1985

Berrien County's Juvenile Center was designated a national Juvenile Detention Resource Center by Anthony Travisono, executive director of the American Correctional Association, which means the facility will serve as a model for juvenile corrections workers across the country. Staff members will conduct training workshops at the center and a training tape made there will be circulated among other juvenile centers.

50 years ago – 1970

The Rev. Marvin Hartman, 47, pastor of First Church of God, St. Joseph, since 1958, announced his resignation Sunday to his parishioners. He has been named executive secretary-treasurer elect of the National Board of Church Extension and Home Missions of the Church of God. He returns to Anderson, Ind., in early fall to take up his new post.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, May 5, the 126th day of 2020. There are 240 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On May 5, 1961, astronaut Alan B. Shepard Jr. became America's first space traveler as he made a 15-minute suborbital flight aboard Mercury capsule Freedom 7.

On this date:

In 1494, during his second voyage to the Western Hemisphere, Christopher Columbus landed in Jamaica.

In 1818, political philosopher Karl Marx, co-author of "The Communist Manifesto" and author of "Das Kapital," was born in Prussia.

In 1862, Mexican troops defeated French occupying forces in the Battle of Puebla.

In 1865, what's believed to be America's first train robbery took place as a band of criminals derailed a St. Louis-bound train near North Bend, Ohio; they proceeded to rob the passengers and loot safes on board before getting away.

In 1925, schoolteacher John T. Scopes was charged in Tennessee with violating a state law that prohibited teaching the theory of evolution. (Scopes was found guilty, but his conviction was later set aside.)

In 1942, wartime sugar rationing began in the United States.

In 1981, Irish Republican Army hunger-striker Bobby Sands died at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland on his 66th day without food.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Few Showers	Few Showers	Few Showers	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy
50°	41°	48° / 43°	50° / 37°	44° / 36°	48° / 41°

Local Outlook

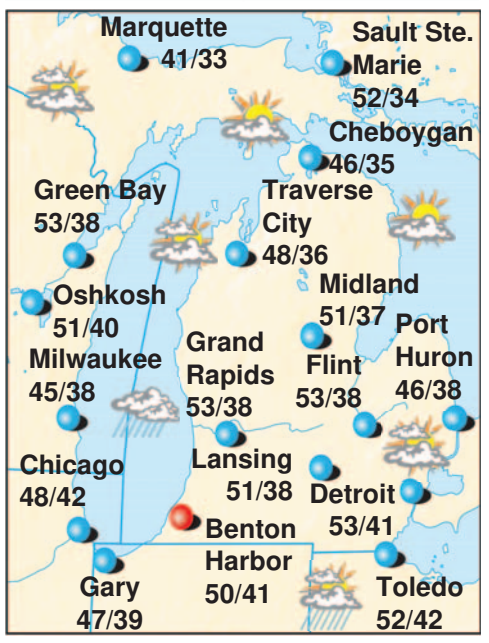
Today we will see cloudy skies with a 50% chance of showers, high temperature of 50°, humidity of 49%. East northeast wind 7 to 11 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 55% chance of showers, overnight low of 41°. North northeast wind 2 to 7 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	6:35 a.m.
Sunset	8:49 p.m.
Moonrise	6:47 p.m.
Moonset	5:51 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
5/7	5/14	5/22	5/29

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	51°
Low	40°
Normal High	67°
Normal Low	44°
Record High	81° in 2000
Record Low	30° in 2005

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	Trace
Normal for month	0.56"
Year to date	12.24"
Normal Year to date	9.74"

Air Quality

Yesterday	44
Main Offender	Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

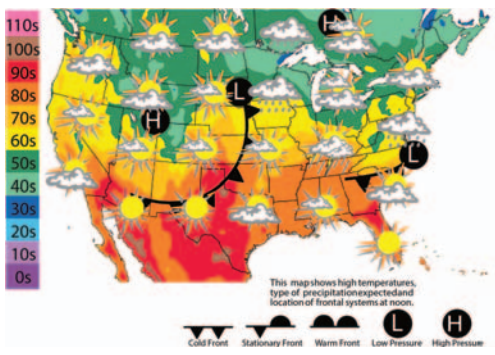
Weather Trivia

Can history be used to predict the specific landfall of future hurricanes?

Answer: No. Areas may be struck and then go years without being hit again.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for May 5, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, ESE wind 8 to 14 kt. Winds could gust as high as 22 kt. A chance of showers. Waves 1 to 2 ft. Water temperature 46 degrees. Tonight, N wind 6 to 10 kt. A chance of showers.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy to mostly cloudy with highs in the 40s and 50s. East northeast wind 6 to 9 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Wednesday with highs in the 40s and 50s. West northwest wind 2 to 9 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with scattered showers, highs in the 40s and 50s. East northeast wind 7 to 11 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with scattered showers, highs in the 50s. Northwest wind 3 to 9 mph.

3 charged in killing of store security guard

By COREY WILLIAMS and MIKE HOUSEHOLDER
Associated Press

Jake May / AP

Pete Tedford, cousin, of Calvin Munerlyn, and Dorothy Nelson, sister of Munerlyn, hold each other closely outside a Family Dollar store Sunday in Flint. Munerlyn was shot and killed Friday at the store He'd worked at the store as a security guard for a little more than one year.

FLINT — A woman, her adult son and husband have been charged in the fatal shooting of a security guard who refused to let her daughter enter a Family Dollar in Michigan because she wasn't wearing a face mask to protect against transmission of the coronavirus.

Calvin Munerlyn was shot Friday at the store just north of downtown Flint a short time after telling Sharmel Teague's daughter she had to leave because she lacked a mask, according to Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton.

Teague, 45, argued with Munerlyn, 43, before leaving. Two men later came to the store.

Teague; her husband, Larry Teague, 44; and Ramonyea Bishop, 23; are charged with first-degree premeditated murder and gun charges.

Larry Teague also is charged with violating Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's executive order mandating that all customers and employees must wear face coverings inside grocery stores, Leyton said.

Witnesses identified Bishop as the man who shot Munerlyn in the back of the head, Leyton said.

Sharmel Teague has been arrested. Police were looking for her husband and son.

No information has been released about the daughter, who has not been charged in the shooting.

"It is important that the governor's order be respected and adhered to, and for someone to lose their life over it is beyond comprehension," Leyton said earlier Monday in a statement.

On Thursday, gun-carrying protesters and other demonstrators rallied inside the state Capitol, calling for coronavirus-related restrictions to be lifted. Some protesters with guns – which are allowed in the statehouse – went to the Senate gallery. Some senators wore bulletproof vests.

As of Monday, Michigan has reported 43,754 confirmed COVID-19 virus cases and 4,049 deaths due to complications from the disease.

"The hostile tone that we have seen in recent days on television and in social media can permeate our society in ways we sometimes don't fully realize or anticipate," Leyton told reporters Monday. "Decisions like staying home when we can, wearing a mask when going to the store and staying a safe distance from those around us – these should not be political arguments. They don't necessitate acts of defiance, and we simply cannot devolve into an us versus them mentality."

About 150 people attended a candlelight vigil Sunday night. On Monday, a makeshift memorial was started outside the Family Dollar.

OBITUARIES

Keith Smith

Jan. 2, 1967 – April 18, 2020

Keith "Smitty" Smith made a peaceful transition Saturday, April 18, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Keith Allen Smith was born Jan. 2, 1967, in Berrien Springs, to Mary and Donald Smith Sr. He began his employment career with Gast Manufacturing and ended it with cleaning and helping with events. Keith was a 1985 graduate of Benton Harbor High School.

Keith was always dedicated to family, friends and public service. Keith also loved being outdoors. Keith had a close bond with Hilton, Lashaun, Eddie, Mike, Dion and JJ.

Keith made all those around him feel better with laughter and a joke. Keith also had a smile that would light up a room. He was a loving and devoted father, partner, son, brother, uncle, grandson, cousin, grandfather and friend who will be missed by many.

Keith is survived by his life partner, Catina Orr; parents, Mary and Donald Smith Sr.; one daughter, Destiny Smith; one son, Adrian "Cameron" James; one granddaughter, E'mani "Money" Burrell; four brothers: Donald "Gene" Smith Jr., Rory Shurn, Donovan Jones and Terril Riddick; one niece, Quiana Smith; and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Selivena Prudhomme Ben, Horace Ben, Ethel Smith and Harrison Smith; and other cousins and aunts.

Private services for immediate family will be held.

Mary S. Gardner

May 25, 1956 – May 2, 2020

Mary S. Gardner, 63, of Watervliet passed away on May 2, 2020 at her home.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Those wishing to leave a message or share a memory with the family online may do so at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

Mary was born May 25, 1956, in Fort Worth, Texas, to Jathern Gardner and Sylvia Gibson. She had a love for doing puzzles, drinking coffee, oldies music and crocheting. Mary truly enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and reading the Bible.

Mary is survived by her daughters, Kachina (Mike) Churchwell of Watervliet and Sarah (Jason) McClurg of Coloma; her mother, Sylvia Gibson of Robbins, N.C.; and siblings, Dan Gardner of Coloma, Kathy Sutton of Plano, Texas, and Kim Gibson of Hurst, Texas. Also surviving are her six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jathern; and her brother, Gary Gardner.

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STORES

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a Paycheck Protection Program loan.

"There are quite a few," said Kathy Wagaman, executive director of the South Haven Area Chamber of Commerce. Wagaman said she couldn't give an exact number because some businesses have been approved but have not yet received their loan, because funding was held up when the program ran out of money. However, more funding has been allocated by the federal government for the program to continue.

South Haven downtown businesses are also obtaining other forms of financial help to get them through crisis.

"Some have also participated in the alcohol buyback program and many are using the expanded unemployment benefits, especially when it was extended to include sole proprietorship businesses a short time ago," Wagaman said. "Still, we have such great concerns for many."

There's good reason for the chamber's concern for the economic welfare of downtown business owners.

This past week, The Michigan Retailers Association released its monthly survey of retail shops throughout the state. It showed that in March, when the pandemic took hold in Michigan, sales nosedived.

The monthly survey, based on a 100-point range, asked Michigan retailers to gauge their March sales, hiring and inventory compared to the previous month. The index for sales came in at a dismal 11.6, compared to 66.6 in February. March 2019's number was 42.6.

Martin Lavelle, business economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, said the sales and hiring numbers were the lowest in the history of the Michigan Retail Index. The hiring index was only 15.2, compared to 51.4 in February 2020 and 52.5 in March 2019. Worse yet, 71 percent of retailers said they expect decreased hiring for the next three months.

The March survey also showed that 87 percent of respondents reported sales declines over February. Only 9 percent recorded increases, while 4 percent reported no change.

The numbers don't surprise Wagaman, who has been steadily encouraging businesses to take advantage of every emergency loan and grant that they can.

To help businesses learn about the loans and grants that are available, the Chamber has set up a website providing them with information.

"I think the website has helped," Wagaman said. "It is so challenging for most to keep up with what programs are out there, how to apply, whether they qualify, and even to collect the necessary data required for the applications. Once a business has gone through the process for one of the loan/grant programs, at least they can continue to use that information for future applications."

Doug Landers is a former president of the chamber's board of directors and owner of Landers Hardware in Bangor and Wolverine Hardware in downtown South Haven.

Unlike other retailers that had to close in March because they were considered "non-essential," in terms of products deemed unnecessary to purchase during the shut-down, Landers' stores were able to stay open; something Landers said he is grateful for.

"We're fortunate we were one of the few that has been able to stay open. That's an honor. But a challenge helpwise," Landers said. "We've had some people who have decided not to work (due to concerns about contracting the virus while at work dealing with customers). So it's been a struggle. We've cut back on hours."

The governor's decision this past week to ease some stay-at-home restrictions that involve retailers, should help.

Big box stores in South Haven, like Menards, Meijer and Walmart, no longer have to tape off sections of their stores that contained items deemed non-essential. Garden nurseries and bike repair shops can now re-open, along with golf courses. Boaters can also start using their motorized crafts.

But the governor's stay-at-home owner has also been extended until May 15, which worries some South Haven downtown business owners like Campbell.

"We are hopeful that this will end soon and we can try to start and recover from this," he said. "We will survive, but if stores cannot be open before Memorial Day, I don't know how many businesses will make it."

WORKSHOP

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the project and put together a team of 14 volunteers.

More than 150 masks have already been completed and volunteers will continue cutting and sewing until all 1,400 are supplied to the Area Agency on Aging.

Anyone interested in helping with TCP's project can contact Julie Smiy at julie smiy@gmail.com.

CMW is hoping to donate more ear savers to local organizations, too. Anyone who knows of an organization in need, or would like to donate funds to go toward materials, should contact Adrienne Glisson at executivedirector.cmw@gmail.com.

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